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memoranda,

May 19, 1945 -
December 22, 1945

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OFFICER'S DATA SHEET

NAME BATES, Richard W. FILE NO 9027
RANK & CLASSIF Commo., U.S.N. ClassDATE OF 1915 BIRTH 1/16/92 GOVT INS
NEXT OF KIN RELATION
ADDRESS 727 Pam St., Alameda, Calif.
ORIGINAL DATE OF RANK
DATE REPORTED FOR CONTINUOUS ACTIVE DUTY AS AN OFFICER
DATE OF ORDERS REPORTING TO THIS COMMAND 21 May 1945 ISSUED BY ComBatRon(1)
DATE OF PRESENT RANK 30 April 1945
PLACES OF PROMOTION (1) ALNAV
(2) ALNAV
PRIMARY DUTY Commander Motor Torpedo Boat Squadrons PACIFIC Fleet
COLLATERAL DUTY NONE
DUTIES IN TRAINING FOR NONE
DATE DETACHED FROM LAST STA. IN CONTINENTAL U.S. 7/19/43

FITNESS REPORT DATA

<u>Date Mailed</u>	<u>Period</u>	<u>Reason for submitting</u>
<u> </u>	From <u> </u> to <u> </u>	<u> </u>
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UPON BEING DETACHED, I HAVE:

DATE DET.

- (1) Prepared fitness report up to date of detachment.
- (2) Picked up my pay account.
- (3) Picked up my health record.
- (4) Settled my mess accounts.
- (5) Turned over all custody receipts.
- (6) Picked up my officer's qualification questionnaire.
- (7) Picked up basic orders with detaching endorsement.

(Signature)

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C O P Y

COMMANDER BATTLESHIP SQUADRON ONE
TRANSLATION OF ENCRYPTED DESPATCH

CLASSIFICATION 102 RESTRICTED DEFERRED CLASS 3

FROM: BUPERS
TO: COMBATRON ONE
INFO CINCPAC/COMSERVPAC

CAPTAIN RICHARD W. BATES, 9027, WHEN RELIEVED AND DIRECTED
DETACHED DUTY CHIEF STAFF PROCEED PORT CINCPAC MAY BE ARRIVAL
REPORT CINCPAC DUTY COMTBRONSPAC. TRAVEL VIA NATS CLASS 2
PRIORITY CERTIFIED. BAGAIR 100 EXCESS.

DATE GROUP 041705 APRIL'45

FOX NO J-987

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WRITTEN UP BY HED

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C O P Y

102 SECRET -P- (CLASS 3)

CINCPAC ADV HQ

COMBATRON 1

COM MTB RON 31

YOUR 170125. DESIRE COMMODORE BATES DETACHED NOW AND
THEN AFTER REPORTING TO CINCPAC BY DESPATCH PROCEED BY
AIR TO LEYTE AND ESPIRITU FOR INSPECTION AND CONFERENCE
WITH COMMANDERS OF MTB RONS 31-32-37. FOLLOWING WHICH
DESIRE THAT HE REPORT CINCPAC HEADQUARTERS GUAM FOR
CONFERENCE ON FUTURE EMPLOYMENT.

REF. 170125: IF TENNESSEE REMAINS ULITHI PLAN DETACH
CAPT R.W. BATES ABOUT 25TH MAY OTHERWISE WILL DETACH
UPON ARRIVAL GUAM.

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CMTB/P16-4/00(2)

550-P

19 May 1945.

From: Commander Motor Torpedo Boat Squadrons,
U.S. PACIFIC Fleet.
To : Commodore R. W. BATES, USN, (9027).

Subject: Temporary Additional Duty.

Reference: (a) CinCPac AdvHed desp 190543 May.

1. Pursuant to reference (a) you will proceed to the ports in which the Commanders Motor Torpedo Boat Squadrons THIRTY ONE, THIRTY TWO, and THIRTY SEVEN may be for temporary additional duties that cannot be quoted herein. Upon completion of such temporary additional duties, you will proceed and report to Commander in Chief, U.S. PACIFIC Fleet, Advance Headquarters, for conference.

2. Air priority, Class TWO, is certified in the execution of these orders. You are further authorized one hundred pounds of gear while in an air travel status.

R. W. BATES.

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C O P Y

V NV (RA)

FROM: COM MTBS PAC FLT 280026Z MAY CONFIDENTIAL PRIORITY
TO: COM MTB SQN 32: COM MTB SQN 37:
INFO: CINCPAC ADV: COMSOPAC: COMERONSOPAC: COMSERFOR 7th FLT:
COMMTBRONS 7th FLT: CNB SOSOLS: CNB SANTOS

COMMODORE BATES DEPARTING BOUGAINVILLE POP FROM COM MTBS PAC FLT TO
COM MTB SQN THREE TWO COM MTB SQN THREE SEVEN INFO CINCPAC ADV COM-
SOPAC COMSERONSOPAC COMSERFOR SEVENTH FLT COMMTBRON SEVENTH FLT CNB
SOSOLS CNB SANTOS POP ABOUT ZERO SIX HUNDRED AND ARRIVING SANTO ABOUT
EIGHTEEN HUNDRED MAY TWENTY NINE X REQUEST TRANSPORTATION COMMODORE
BATES SANTO TO GUAM DEPARTING SANTO ONE JUNE X

TOD: 0510Z V NV (RA) HCM
R V GN M.L.B.

: : : : : CNB SANTO HAS ::::

C.O. _____ OFF PERS _____

MTBRONS 32 _____ 37 _____

CWO _____

INCOMING TELETYPE 280026 MAY '45

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FCI-1/P16-4/00
(9027)

COMMANDER BATTLESHIP SQUADRON ONE
c/o Fleet Post Office
San Francisco, California

Serial: 555

21 May 1945.

USNR,
Lt(SC),
Disbursing Officer.

From: Commander Battleship Squadron ONE,
To: Captain Richard W. BATES, USN (9027).

Subject: Change of Duty.

Reference: (a) BuPers Despatch 041705 of April 1945.
(b) CinCPac Adv. Hq. Secret Despatch 190343 of May 1945.

1. In accordance with reference (a) and as modified by reference (b), which cannot be quoted herein, you will consider yourself detached from duty as Chief of Staff and from such other duties as may have been assigned you; will report to Commander in Chief, U.S. Pacific Fleet by despatch for duty as Commander Motor Torpedo Boat Squadrons, U.S. Pacific Fleet. You will then proceed by air to the ports in which Commander Motor Torpedo Boat Squadrons THIRTY-ONE, THIRTY-TWO and THIRTY-SEVEN may be for inspection and conference with those Commanders. Upon completion you will further report to Commander in Chief, U.S. Pacific Fleet Advanced Headquarters for conference.

2. For travel via NATS, Class II priority is hereby certified.

3. A total of one hundred pounds excess baggage is authorized while traveling by air.

4. Detached this date.

J. B. OLDEMDORF.

Copy to:

BuPers
CinCPac
ComServPac
COMTERONS Pac
FRO Navy 128

26 May 1945 15 ENDORSEMENT.
COMMANDER NAVAL BASE, NAVY 3205.
Reported for transportation. Proceed by
transportation orally assigned. Class _____
Priority is certified for travel via Naval
Air Transport Service. Total Baggage
allowance of 150 pounds is authorized.

Certified to be a true copy

R.W. BATES,
Captain, U.S.N.

WILLIAM THOM, Lieut. JESSE

By direction

Disb. Off. USS ACONTIUS (AGP-12), Paid Per Diem
expenses amounting to \$69.00 on PV-6-46 on 7 July 1945.

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ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF NOTICE OF TEMPORARY APPOINTMENT

Date:.....

From: **Commander Richard W. BATES, U.S. Navy. (9027)**
To: The Chief of Naval Personnel.
Via: **Commander in Chief, U.S. Pacific Fleet.**
(Title of reporting senior and unit designation)

1. I acknowledge receipt of notice of appointment to the rank of **Commander** in the Navy, (~~Naval Reserve~~) for temporary service made by the President on **30 April**, 19 **45**.
2. Notice of this temporary appointment was made by my reporting senior pursuant to the authority contained in (AINav. No. ~~---~~ BuPers Circular Letter No. ~~---~~). My BuPers file number is **9027** **BuPers Despatch of 1 May 1945.**
3. This temporary appointment has not and will not be declined by me.
4. I certify that appointment to the rank concerned has not been previously withheld for any reason.

.....
RICHARD W. BATES.

F17-2/00

FIRST ENDORSEMENT

Serial 6893

4 JUN 1945

From: **Commander in Chief, U.S. Pacific Fleet.**
(Title of reporting senior and unit designation)
To: The Chief of Naval Personnel.

1. Forwarded.
(Following paragraph to be completed only when appropriate)
 2. Reported for duty on, 19..... (or to be transferred to for assignment to duty by the Chief of Naval Personnel).
- cc: Two (2) to Disbursing Officer Carrying accounts. ~~---~~
One (1) Officers file jacket.

.....
BY DIRECTOR

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TEMPORARY APPOINTMENT AND PROMOTION

PHYSICAL EXAMINATION

Date: 3 June 1945

From: Commander in Chief, U.S. Pacific Fleet.
(Title of reporting senior and unit designation)
To: Captain Richard W. BATES, U.S. Navy. (9027)
Subject: Physical examination for promotion (Temporary).
Reference: (a) BuPers despatch dated 1 May 1945.

1. You will report to a medical officer or to a board of medical examiners if available for examination to determine your physical fitness to perform the duties of a Commodore for temporary service.

W. M. Holmes

FIRST ENDORSEMENT

W. M. HOLMES
By direction

Date: 4 June 1945.

From: The Medical Officer.
(Medical Officer or Senior Member, Board of Medical Examiners)
To: The Commander in Chief, U.S. Pacific Fleet.

1. Examined and found to be ^{MS} ~~(not)~~ physically qualified pursuant to the conditions stated in the appointment authorization. TALCOTT BATES, Lieut. (MC), USN

NOTIFICATION OF APPOINTMENT

Date: _____

From: Commander in Chief, U.S. Pacific Fleet.
(Title of reporting senior and unit designation)
To: Captain Richard W. BATES, U.S. Navy. (9027)

1. All stipulated conditions having been fulfilled, your appointment to the rank of Commodore for temporary service, made by the President on 30 April 1945 to rank from 30 April 1945 is delivered. Your BuPers file number is 9027

W. M. Holmes

W. M. HOLMES,
By direction

Do NOT forward this form to Bupers.
File in officer's personal file on SHIP or STATION.

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C O P Y

United States Pacific Fleet
And Pacific Ocean Areas
Headquarters of the Commander in Chief

Pl6-3/B
Serial 7113

16 JUN 1945

From: Commander in Chief, U. S. Pacific Fleet and
Pacific Ocean Areas.
To: Commodore Richard W. BATES, U.S. Navy, (9027).
Subject: Orders.

1. Upon receipt of these orders, on or about 16 June 1945, you will proceed via air transportation to LEYTE to resume your regular duties as ComMTBRonsPac, reporting to Com7thFlt for additional duty in connection with PT Boats.

2. For travel by air, class TWO priority is hereby certified.

3. A total of 100 pounds excess baggage is authorized while in an air travel status.

Copy to:
BuPers
ComServPac

/s/ C. W. NIMITZ

Pl6-4/00
F-6-1/Br
Serial 26096
9027

UNITED STATES FLEET
COMMANDER SEVENTH FLEET

16 June 1945

FIRST ENDORSEMENT to
CinCPac Orders Serial
7113 of 16 June 1945

From: Commander Seventh Fleet.
To: Commodore Richard W. BATES, U. S. Navy.
Subject: Orders.

1. Reported for additional duty in accordance with your basic orders.

Copy to:
BuPers
CinCPac

T. S. COMBS

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In reply address not the signer of this letter, but Bureau of Naval Personnel, Navy Department, Washington, D. C. Refer to No.

NAVY DEPARTMENT

Pers 823/gm-nid 9027 BUREAU OF NAVAL PERSONNEL
WASHINGTON 25, D. C.



9 July 1945

To: Captain Richard Waller Bates, USN

Via: The Commanding Officer

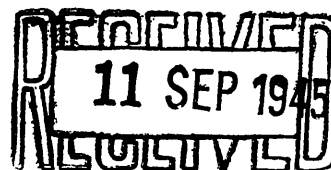
*Motor Torpedo Boat Squadron
Pal, F.P.O. San. Franc. Calif.*

Subj: Report on Fitness - Period 30 May 1944 to 16 September 1944.

1. No report on fitness has been received covering your performance of duty for the period indicated above.
2. In order that your record may be complete, it is requested that a report be submitted to the proper reporting senior for completion. That officer is further requested to expedite submission of completed report to this Bureau.
3. In the event you do not know the reporting officer's present address, indicate his name under Item 5 of the Fitness Report, enclose it in an envelope addressed to him by name, care of the Bureau of Naval Personnel. This report will be forwarded by the Bureau.
4. If your status was - on leave, in transit, awaiting orders, or in the hospital, so endorse this letter indicating such status and return to the Bureau of Naval Personnel.

By direction of Chief of Naval Personnel.

L. Learned
L. Learned
Lieutenant, USNR
Records Division



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MOTOR TORPEDO BOAT SQUADRONS PACIFIC FLEET
Office of the Commander

GMTBRonsPac/P16-4/00
Serial T-3
RWB:01

6 August 1945.

From: Commander Motor Torpedo Boat Squadrons, PACIFIC Fleet.
To: Commodore R. W. BATES, USN, (9027).
Subject: Temporary Additional Duty.
Reference: (a) BuPers - BS&A jt ltr of 29 April 1944 (Jan - June 44, AS&SL p.756).

1. Upon receipt of these orders, proceed immediately to UCIP for temporary duty in connection with official business.
2. This is in addition to your present duties and upon completion thereof you will return to this command and resume your regular duties.
3. Travel by Government and/or commercial air is directed, except where other means of authorized travel are equally or more expeditious, and is necessary for the successful accomplishment of an essential or emergency war mission. For transportation via NATS, class TWO priority is requested.
4. Delivered and temporarily detached this date.

1. DELIVERED TO THE COMMANDER OF THE PACIFIC FLEET

R. W. Bates
R. W. BATES.

Copy to:
BuPers

NAVAL AIR PRIORITIES OFFICE (NATS)
NAVY No. 3142
Reported for transportation 12 AUG 1945
Proceed by transportation orally assigned
Priority class 2 is certified for travel
via Naval Air Transport Service. Total baggage allowance of 30 pounds is authorized.

WM. R. Mordock
WM. R. MORDOCK,
Lieut. USNR.

J. R. Stevens

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CMTBRonsPac/Pl6-4/00
RWB:fmw

1st Endorsement: on CMTBRonsPac orders
Pl6-4/00, Serial T-3, RWB:01, dtd 6 Aug 1945.

13 August 1945.

From: Commander Motor Torpedo Boat Squadrons Pacific Fleet.
To: Commodore R. W. BATES, USN, (9027).

1. Reported this date - temporary additional duty completed.
Resume your regular duties.


cc: BuPers


R. W. BATES

STATEMENT OF TRAVEL:

Departed Navy 3149 at 0930 7 August, 1945 by Air
Arrived Manila at 1145 7 August, 1945 (occupied Govt Quarters)
Departed Manila at 0930 13 August 1945 by Air
Arrived Navy 3149 at 1145 13 August 1945

I certify ~~that~~ this statement of travel to be correct

✓  Commodore U.S.N.
(Signature and Rank)

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D. O. Vou. No. 43-46
Bureau No. _____

U.S.

Diagrams of Supply and Demand

THE UNITED STATES, Dr.,

To ~~SATIS, E. E. Conners, USA~~

Address: ~~Commander, ATC Rome Pac~~

~~Fleet Post Office, San Francisco, Calif~~

Commander, ~~1115 Evans Ave.,~~ ~~PO San Francisco, Calif.~~ (Residence (for use of Postal Service only))

Comptrolers Pac P16-4/00 Serial T-3 MWB-01 TAD orders dated 6 August 1945

Reimbursement ER. DEEM in the form of subsistence, mileage for travel, telephone calls, and other REIMBURSEMENT

of travel and other expenses paid by me in the discharge of official duty from 9/1/15, 19 ,

to 8/19/45, 1945, as per itemized statement within, under authority No. 5712, dated _____,

19____, copy of which is attached,* or has been previously furnished with voucher No. _____, paid _____,

19_____, by _____

(Name of disbursing officer)

(Payee will NOT use this space)

Differences

Account verified correct for

(Signature or initials)

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8/17/45

Canada, 1924

MEMORANDUM

The next previous voucher paid under the same travel authority was: D. O. Vou. No. _____, paid _____ (Date)

13.00

Figure 1

~~Eighteen and no/100 dollars~~ ~~CONFIDENTIAL~~ ~~DECLASSIFYING CLASSIFICATION~~ (For completion by administrative staff) ~~CONFIDENTIAL~~ ~~SC 1519~~

APPROPRIATION, LIMITATION OR PROJECT SYMBOL	APPROPRIATION TITLE	LIMITATION OR PROJECT	APPROPRIATION
		AMOUNT	AMOUNT
1760813.02015	TRNF 1946	\$	\$ 18.00

ALLOTMENT SYMBOL	AMOUNT	OBLIGATIONS LIQUIDATED	COST ACCOUNT		OBJECTIVE CLASSIFICATION	
			Symbol	Amount	Symbol	Amount
	\$			\$		
			11-7-4	18.00	(9098) Comptroller	
					FPO San Francisco,	

Paid by { Check No. _____, dated _____, 19____, for \$ _____ } on Treasurer of the United States
Cash, \$ 18.00, on AUG 18 1945, 19____ { in favor of payee named above.
SIGN ORIGINAL ONLY _____
(Signature of payee)

*If there was no prior authority state circumstances which rendered securing prior authority impracticable.

16-23954-2

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ITEMIZED SCHEDULE OF TRAVEL AND OTHER EXPENSES

1. Date and hour of departure from official headquarters _____ (Date) _____ (Hour)
2. Give duty status on first day of voucher period: _____
Arrived at _____ on _____, 19____,
for temporary duty for approximate period _____
Approximate date of return to official headquarters _____, 19____

GENERAL INSTRUCTIONS

1. The provisions of the travel regulations must be strictly observed in order to avoid suspensions and disallowances of amounts claimed.
2. When subvouchers required by regulations were not obtained, state fully the circumstances showing reasons for omission.
3. If more than one rate of allowance is authorized, full statement of application of each rate must be given in some convenient place on this voucher.
4. Expenditures should be shown by the day and fully explained.
5. Time of departure and arrival from each point of travel should be stated in chronological order in the body of the account.

DATE 19____	CHARACTER OF EXPENDITURE	SUB- VOU. No.	AMOUNT		NOTATIONS (Payee must not use this column)
			SUBSISTENCE	OTHER	
	<p>Reimbursement for Per Diem/under BuPers - HSA jt ltr of 29 April, 1944 (Jan-June 44, ABSL p. 756) dated 6 August 1945 on Temporary Additional Duty is requested as follows:</p> <p>8/7/45 to 6 days \$13.00 (occupied Govt (tre) 8/12/45</p>			13.00	TAD
<p>I certify that I have not and will not receive payment under any other set of orders covering the inclusive dates, all or any part, of this claim except for such payments already received as noted hereon. I further certify I was not on leave, on board a government vessel or in occupancy of government quarters for any of this period excepted as noted hereon.</p>					
<p>_____ (Signature)</p>		<p>_____ (Rank)</p>			

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TOTALS (to be carried forward to continuation sheet, if necessary)

TOTAL AMOUNT OF VOUCHER (not to be used when totals are carried forward to continuation sheet)

**When subvouchers required by regulations were not obtained, state fully the circumstances showing reason for omission.

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STATEMENT OF TRAVEL PERFORMED FOR WHICH REIMBURSEMENT IS NOT CLAIMED BY TRAVELER

DATE OF TRAVEL	NO. OF TRANSPORTATION REQUEST OR SPEEDOMETER READING	FROM—	TO—	VIA* (Kind of carrier or vehicle; also abbreviated name of the carrier)	CLASS OR MILEAGE†	AMOUNT
		Rm 31 35	Seales Snowball			

*Railroad, steamship, airplane, bus, etc.

†Abbreviate class of service or accommodations used. Railroad: F, first class; I, intermediate class; M, mixed class; O, coach; P, Pullman accommodations; DR, drawing room; OP, compartment; BR, bedroom; SOS, single occupancy section; SEC, section; LB, lower berth; UB, upper berth; S, seat. By other mode: Number of miles traveled.

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MOTOR TORPEDO BOAT SQUADRONS PACIFIC FLEET
Office of the Commander

CMTBRonsPac/116-4/00
Serial T-7
RTB:fmw

3 September 1945

From: Commander Motor Torpedo Boat Squadrons PACIFIC Fleet.
To: Commodore R. W. BATES, U.S.N.
Subject: Temporary additional duty.
Reference: (a) BuPers - BuS&A jt ltr of 29 April 1944 (Jan - June 44,
AS&SL, p. 756).

1. Upon receipt of these orders, you will proceed immediately to Commander, Philippine Sea Frontier, for temporary duty in connection with official business.
2. This is in addition to your present duties and upon completion thereof you will return to this command and resume your regular duties.
3. Travel by Government and/or commercial air is directed, except where other means of authorized travel are equally or more expeditious, and is necessary for the successful accomplishment of an essential or emergency war mission. For transportation via MATS, class T-0 priority is requested.
4. Delivered and temporarily detached this date.

R. W. BATES

cc: BuPers

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MOTOR TORPEDO BOAT SQUADRONS PACIFIC FLEET
Office of the Commander

CMTEBonsPas/P20-2
Serial 983
RWB:rah

11 September 1945.

From: Commodore R. W. Bates, USN,
To: Commander-in-Chief, U.S. Pacific Fleet.
Subject: Report on Fitness - Period 30 May 1944 to 16 September 1944.
Reference: (a) BuPers letter 823/gm-nid 9027 of 9 July 1945.
(b) Letter from CombatRonOne to Commander in Chief concerning fitness report for Captain Bates dated 21 February 1945.
Enclosure: (A) Copy of reference (b).

1. Reference (a) was received today.
2. Reference (b) was forwarded to the Commander-in-Chief on 21 February 1945. If this has not been forwarded does the Commander-in-Chief desire that a new fitness report be prepared and forwarded to him for completion or is the report prepared in Washington and forwarded with reference (b) still available.
3. During the period mentioned I revised the U.S. Fleet Publication 10-A now known as USP-10-B, which covers Tactical Orders and Doctrine, U.S. Fleet.

R. W. BATES

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UNITED STATES PACIFIC FLEET
AND PACIFIC OCEAN AREAS
Headquarters of the Commander in Chief

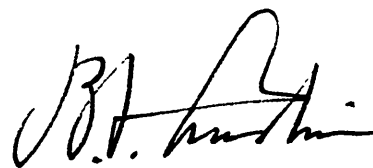
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Serial 9322

17 SEP 1945

From: Commander in Chief, U. S. Pacific Fleet and
Pacific Ocean Areas.
To: Commodore Richard W. BATES, U.S. Navy, (9027),
Commander Motor Torpedo Boat Squadrons, Pacific.
Subject: Fitness Report - Request for.

1. It is requested that a Fitness Report Blank (NavPers 310A) be forwarded to Cincpac immediately, signed on ~~all three~~ ^{top two} copies of the smooth; and that the Work Sheet be filled out through section five and signed.



B. L. AUSTIN
Assistant Chief of Staff
for Administration

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MOTOR TORPEDO BOAT SQUADRONS PACIFIC FLEET
Office of the Commander

6 October 1945

RWB:gv

From: Commodore Richard W. BATES, U.S. Navy, (9027),
Commander Motor Torpedo Boat Squadrons, Pacific.
To: Commander in Chief, U. S. Pacific Fleet and
Pacific Ocean Areas.
Subject: Fitness Report - Request for.
Reference: (a) Cinopac ltr. P20/Serial 9322 of 17 September 1945.

1. Fitness report requested in reference (a) is herewith
forwarded.

2. "Occasion for report" and "Final date" of report have been
left blank as these are not known. It is requested that they be filled in
prior to completion.

R. W. BATES

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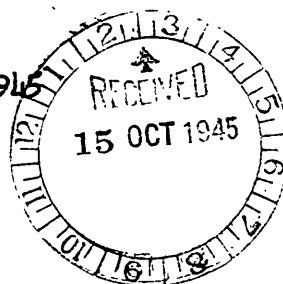
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NAVY DEPARTMENT
BUREAU OF NAVAL PERSONNEL
WASHINGTON 25, D. C.



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9027

11 Oct 1945



•To: Commodore Richard W. Bates, USN
Staff, U. S. Pacific Fleet

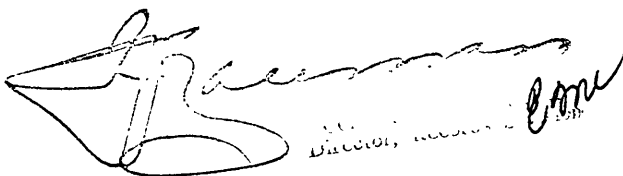
Subj: Fitness Reports.

Ref: (a) Your SL Dated 3 Oct 1945.

1. Your record has been checked and found to be complete from 25 March 1941 to 21 May 1945, with the exception of a report for the period 30 May 1944 to 16 Sept 1944.

2. The last report received is for the period ending 21 May 1945.

By direction of Chief of Naval Personnel.


Director, Bureau of Naval Personnel

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Cincpac File

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UNITED STATES PACIFIC FLEET
AND PACIFIC OCEAN AREAS
HEADQUARTERS OF THE COMMANDER IN CHIEF

Serial 39816

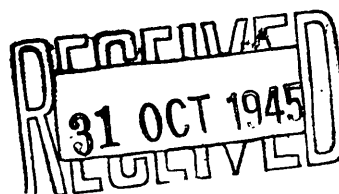
21 OCT 1945

1st Endorsement on
BuPers ltr. Pers-
8232-bjs dated 11
October 1945.

From: Commander in Chief, U. S. Pacific Fleet
and Pacific Ocean Areas.
To: Commodore Richard W. BATES, U.S. Navy (9027).
Via: Commander Motor Torpedo Boat Squadrons, Pacific
Fleet.
Subject: Fitness Reports.
1. Forwarded.

J. T. Bullen Jr.

J. T. BULLEN, JR.
By direction.



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ComMTBRonsPacFlt

Date Rec'd

(MT)

23 OCT 45

222343

/13408

YOUR 220153 X AFFIRMATIVE

REF: YOUR 100517 X FITNESS REPORT FORWARDED 6 OCTOBER BY AIRMAIL X IS AN
ADDITIONAL REPORT NECESSARY

21/23

Commodore Bates ✓

D. T. G. 222343 OCT

Tor 222330

From: CINCIPAC/CINCPOA WET PEARL

Precedence

Classification

Radio
Visual
Mail

FM

Originator

Released

Action: CINCIPAC
Info: CINCIPAC

* Com MTB Rons Pac Flt	Communications	Personnel	Engineering	Aerological	CEO
* Chief Staff Officer	Flag Secretary	Supply	Gunnery	Medical	
* Operations	Logistics	Materiel	Intelligence	Chaplain	

* Receives Copy All Messages

A—Action Officer

I—Information Officer

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MOTOR TORPEDO BOAT SQUADRONS PACIFIC FLEET
Office of the Commander

9027

24 October 1945

From: Commodore Richard W. BATES, U. S. Navy.
Commander Motor Torpedo Boat Squadrons, PACIFIC.
To: Commander-in-Chief, U. S. PACIFIC Fleet & PACIFIC Ocean Areas.
Subject: Fitness Report for Commodore R. W. BATES, U. S. Navy -
Submission of.

Reference: (a) CINCPAC/CINCPMA Hed. Pearl despatch 120517 of October 1945.

1. Fitness report requested in reference (a) is forwarded herewith.
2. "Period of report", "occasion for report" and dates opposite "description of duties since last fitness report" have all been left blank as what information desired here is not known. However, if this is a quarterly report, the following information will complete the report:
 - (a) Date reported as Commander, Motor Torpedo Boat Squadrons, PACIFIC Fleet - 21 May 1945.
 - (b) Period of Report - From July 1, 1945 to 30 September 1945.
 - (c) Dates opposite Commander, Motor Torpedo Boat Squadrons, PACIFIC Fleet under "Description of Duties since last fitness report" - July 1945 to September 1945.
3. Upon completion it is requested that page three (3) of this fitness report and also page three (3) of fitness report which was air mailed to you on 6 October 1945 be returned to me for inclusion in my file.

R. W. BATES

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MOTOR TORPEDO BOAT SQUADRONS PACIFIC FLEET
Office of the Commander

31 October 1945

From: Commodore Richard W. Bates, USNavy.
To: Commander-in-Chief, U.S. PACIFIC Fleet.
Subject: Report on Fitness - Period 30 May 1944 to 16 September 1944.
Reference: (a) ComBatRonOne ltr re fitness report of Captain R. W. Bates dated 21 Feb. 1945.
(b) CMTERonsPac ltr P20-2, Serial 983, dated 11 September 1945.

1. The Bureau of Naval Personnel informs me that my record is complete up to 21 May 1945 with the exception of a report for the period 30 May 1944 to 16 September 1944.

2. During this period I was serving on the Staff of Commander-in-Chief, U.S. Pacific Fleet and was given the assignment of revising USF-10A into what is now officially known as USF-10B.

3. By reference (a) on 21 February 1945 an uncompleted fitness report was forwarded to the Commander-in-Chief for me, which report was to cover the period 30 May 1944 to 16 September 1944. This report was to be completed by the Commander-in-Chief.

4. In reference (b) of 11 September 1945 I forwarded a request to the Commander-in-Chief asking that he complete and forward to the Bureau of Naval Personnel, the fitness report referred to covering the period 30 May 1944 to 16 September 1944. By date of 11 October 1945 the Bureau of Naval Personnel advises me that that report has not as yet arrived.

5. I should appreciate some information, if available, concerning this report as I have had this period blank in my record for, now, well over one year.

R. W. BATES

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OFFICER'S QUALIFICATION REPORT

NAVPERS-310C (REV. 8-44)

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PLEASE TYPE THIS FORM

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DATE

1. NAME		(last) BATES		(first) RICHARD		(middle) WALKER		RANK AND CLASSIFICATION Captain, U.S.N.		FILE NO. 9021																																																	
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DATE

1. NAME	(last) BATES	(first) RICHARD	(middle) WALLER	RANK AND CLASSIFICATION Captain, U.S.N.	FILE NO. 9027
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SHIP OR STATION

Staff, Commander Battleship Squadron ONE

PERIOD OF REPORT

DATE FROM **9/17/44**DATE TO **2/28/45**DATE OF ASSIGNMENT TO
PRESENT DUTY**17 September 44**

OCCASION FOR REPORT

☐ DETACHMENT OF
OFFICER REPORTED ON☐ DETACHMENT OF
REPORTING SENIOR☐ REGULAR
SEMI-ANNUAL☐ QUARTERLY☒ SPECIAL

2. **Chief of Staff, Division ONE, Mine Chief of Staff for Bombardment, Fire Support and associated group of 7th and 3rd Fleets during preliminary operations for seizure and occupation of Lingayen, Leyte and Palau and for Battle of Surigao Strait. Additional duty as Chief Planner. Directly concerned with preparation of all plans for above group and with their execution. Group consisted of a substantial number of BBs, CAs, CLs, DDs, DES, Minesweepers, APDs with underwater teams and CVEs with attached aircraft.**

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MO.	YR.	MO.	YR.

3. IF COURSES OF INSTRUCTION WERE COMPLETED DURING PERIOD OF THIS REPORT, LIST TITLE OF COURSE, LOCATION OF SCHOOL, LENGTH OF COURSE AND DATE COMPLETED.

NONE

Are you physically qualified
for Sea Duty? ☒ Yes ☐ No ☐ Don't
Know

4. IF AVIATOR, INDICATE
NO. OF FLIGHT HOURS
LAST TWO YEARS FOR
EACH TYPE AIRCRAFT

TYPE OF AIRCRAFT

NO. OF HOURS

Any combat duty

TOTAL

5. MY PREFERENCE
FOR NEXT DUTY
IS:

SEA

KIND OF DUTY

LOCATION

Pacific

SHORE

KIND OF DUTY

LOCATION

6. SECTION 6 TO BE FILLED IN BY
REPORTING OFFICER

NAME OF REPORTING OFFICER

Jesse B. Glendonoff

RANK

OFFICIAL STATUS RELATIVE TO OFFICER REPORTED ON

Vice Admiral Commander Battleship Squadron 1

SIGNATURE OF OFFICER REPORTED ON (Applies only to Sections 1 through 5)

SIGNATURE OF REPORTING OFFICER

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OFFICER'S QUALIFICATION REPORT
NAVPERS-310B (REV. 8-44)

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DATE

1. NAME (last) **BATES** (first) **RICHARD** (middle) **WALLER** RANK AND CLASSIFICATION **Captain, U.S.N.** FILE NO. **9027**

SHIP OR STATION

Staff, Commander Battleship Squadron ONE

PERIOD OF REPORT

DATE FROM **9/17/44**

DATE TO **2/28/45**

DATE OF ASSIGNMENT TO PRESENT DUTY

OCCASION FOR REPORT

17 September 44

☐ DETACHMENT OF OFFICER REPORTED ON

☐ DETACHMENT OF REPORTING SENIOR

☐ REGULAR SEMI-ANNUAL

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NONE

Are you physically qualified for Sea Duty?

☒ Yes ☐ No ☐ Don't Know

4. IF AVIATOR, INDICATE NO. OF FLIGHT HOURS LAST TWO YEARS FOR EACH TYPE AIRCRAFT

TYPE OF AIRCRAFT

NO. OF HOURS

TOTAL

5. MY PREFERENCE FOR NEXT DUTY IS:

SEA

KIND OF DUTY

Any combat duty

LOCATION

Pacific

SHORE

KIND OF DUTY

LOCATION

6. SECTION 6 TO BE FILLED IN BY REPORTING OFFICER

NAME OF REPORTING OFFICER

RANK

OFFICIAL STATUS RELATIVE TO OFFICER REPORTED ON

Jesse B. Glendonoff

Vice Admiral Commander Battleship Squadron 1

IS THIS OFFICER QUALIFIED TO PERFORM ALL HIS PRESENT DUTIES? ☒ YES ☐ NO

INDICATE MORE RESPONSIBLE DUTIES FOR WHICH HE IS IN TRAINING. (If none, so state)

DATE OF EXPECTED QUALIFICATION

Comment on special or outstanding qualifications as well as any physical defects, which should be considered in determining the kinds of duty to which he should be detailed. Only comments on qualifications significant in detailing should be entered here. ANY COMMENTS REGARDING FITNESS FOR PROMOTION SHOULD BE ENTERED IN SECTION 12 ONLY OF PAGE 1.

Especially well qualified in the drafting of war plans.

FOR WHAT DUTIES IS HE RECOMMENDED?

Flag officer in command or Chief of Staff of a combat force.

ASHORE

AFLOAT

SIGNATURE OF OFFICER REPORTED ON (Applies only to Sections 1 through 5)

SIGNATURE OF REPORTING OFFICER

When completed remove carbon paper, forward Pages 1 and 2, not detached, to BuPers. Retain Page 3 for "Officer's Qualification Record Jacket".

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DATE _____

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**OFFICER'S FITNESS REPORT
INSTRUCTION SHEET**

IMPORTANT INSTRUCTIONS — READ CAREFULLY

GENERAL INSTRUCTIONS

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This form is to be submitted semi-annually for all officers and in all cases of permanent detachment of either the officer or reporting senior.

A typewriter is to be used when at all possible in filling out Sections 1 through 6. Since 96% of all fitness reports received in BuPers are typed, the form has been constructed for that type of preparation. Care should be exercised that the carbon copies are legible if a typewriter is not used.

INSTRUCTIONS FOR REPORTING OFFICERS

In deciding on promotions of officers, Selection Boards must, in effect, compare an officer with others of the same rank rather than with more arbitrary standards. You will note that in Section 7 and subsequent sections you are asked to do just that — compare each officer with *all others* of the same rank whose professional abilities are known to you personally. Please note that the officer is *not* to be compared *only* with the others of his rank now under your command. For this reason, it is important to indicate in Section 9b how many officers are included in the group you use for comparison.

In making this comparison, keep in mind that the group of officers whose professional abilities are known to you personally (or any other group of people) will fall into a normal distribution when graded on any trait or factor — that is, there will be a small number at the lower end, a larger group in the middle, and a small group at the top. With this curve in mind, compare the officer with the group and mark him on each factor in Section 7 as falling in one of the five brackets — the lower 10%, the next 20%, the middle 40%, the next 20%, or the top 10%. Do not hesitate to mark "not observed" on any factor which you think not applicable to the duty in which you have observed the man or in which your observation has been too limited to warrant judgment.

No entry which is made in Section 7 will be considered an unsatisfactory report. Only entries so designated in Sections 8, 9, 11, and 12 will be so considered; and only adverse entries in these Sections need be referred to the officer for statement. In this connection please note carefully the instructions in Section 12 which provide that statements of a constructive nature which refer to minor imperfections or lack of qualifications do not constitute an unsatisfactory report.

Sign all three pages of the report in the lower right-hand corner. The Officer's Qualification Report—Jacket Copy (Page 3) is to be detached and filed in the Officer's Qualification Record Jacket. The Officer's Fitness Report (Page 1) and the Officer's Qualification Report—BuPers Copy (Page 2) are to be forwarded — *not separated* — to BuPers.

While you are required by Navy Regulations to refer only unsatisfactory or unfavorable reports to the officer concerned, it is the opinion of the Bureau that Fitness Reports will be of greatest value to the officers of the Navy if reporting officers will discuss them with the officer reported on as a matter of general practice when possible.

INSTRUCTIONS FOR OFFICER REPORTED ON

It is your responsibility to fill out Sections 1 through 5 of this form and to sign all sheets in the lower left-hand corner. Submit the form to your reporting senior at the times specified in the General Instructions above. Use a typewriter, if at all possible — if not, use ink, but be sure that all copies are legible.

Note: For convenience there is printed on the back of these instructions a work sheet which may be used as a draft in preparing the carbonized set. The work sheet is to be detached before filling out the carbonized set and is NOT to be forwarded to BuPers.

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OFFICER'S FITNESS REPORT WORK SHEET

READ CAREFULLY THE INSTRUCTIONS ON THE REVERSE SIDE

DATE **October 23, 1945**

1. NAME (last) BATES, (first) Richard (middle) Waller		RANK AND CLASSIFICATION Commodore, USN		FILE NO. 9027
SHIP OR STATION Commander, Motor Torpedo Boat Squadrons, PACIFIC Fleet		PERIOD OF REPORT DATE FROM 21 May 1945 DATE TO		
DATE OF ASSIGNMENT TO PRESENT DUTY 21 May 1945		OCCASION FOR REPORT <input type="checkbox"/> DETACHMENT OF OFFICER REPORTED ON <input type="checkbox"/> DETACHMENT OF REPORTING SENIOR <input type="checkbox"/> REGULAR SEMI-ANNUAL <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> QUARTERLY <input type="checkbox"/> SPECIAL		
2. DESCRIPTION OF DUTIES SINCE LAST FITNESS REPORT (List most recent first and describe accurately)				
Commander, Motor Torpedo Boat Squadrons, PACIFIC Fleet				
3. IF COURSES OF INSTRUCTION WERE COMPLETED DURING PERIOD OF THIS REPORT, LIST TITLE OF COURSE, LOCATION OF SCHOOL, LENGTH OF COURSE AND DATE COMPLETED.				
NONE				
4. IF AVIATOR, INDICATE NO. OF FLIGHT HOURS LAST TWO YEARS FOR EACH TYPE AIRCRAFT				
TYPE OF AIRCRAFT				
NO. OF HOURS				
TOTAL				
5. MY PREFERENCE FOR NEXT DUTY IS:				
SEA				
SHORE				
KIND OF DUTY Commander				
KIND OF DUTY Chief of Naval Operations				
LOCATION Pacific				
LOCATION Washington, D. C.				
6. SECTIONS 8 THROUGH 12 TO BE FILLED IN BY REPORTING OFFICER				
NAME OF REPORTING OFFICER				
RANK				
OFFICIAL STATUS RELATIVE TO OFFICER REPORTED ON				
IS THIS OFFICER QUALIFIED TO PERFORM ALL HIS PRESENT DUTIES? <input type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO				
INDICATE MORE RESPONSIBLE DUTIES FOR WHICH HE IS IN TRAINING. (If none, so state)				
DATE OF EXPECTED QUALIFICATION				
Comment on special or outstanding qualifications as well as any physical defects, which should be considered in determining the kinds of duty to which he should be detailed. Only comments on qualifications significant in detailing should be entered here. ANY COMMENTS REGARDING FITNESS FOR PROMOTION SHOULD BE ENTERED IN SECTION 12, ONLY.				
FOR WHAT DUTIES IS HE RECOMMENDED?				
ASHORE				
AFLOAT				
7. FOR EACH FACTOR OBSERVED CHECK THE APPROPRIATE BOX TO INDICATE HOW THE OFFICER COMPARES WITH ALL OTHERS OF THE SAME RANK WHOSE PROFESSIONAL ABILITIES ARE KNOWN TO YOU PERSONALLY. THIS COMPARISON ONLY TO THE OTHERS NOW UNDER YOUR COMMAND. DO NOT HESITATE TO MARK "NOT OBSERVED" ON ANY QUALITY APPROPRIATE. NO ENTRY WHICH IS MADE IN THIS SECTION WILL BE CONSIDERED AN UNSATISFACTORY REPORT WHICH MUST BE REFERRED TO THE OFFICER FOR STATEMENT. ONLY ENTRIES DESIGNATED IN SECTIONS 8, 9, 11 AND 12 WILL BE SO CONSIDERED.				
WORTHY FACTORS				
Not Observed				
Within Bottom 10%				
Within Next 20%				
Within Middle 40%				
Within Next Top 20%				
Within Top 10%				
A. SEA OR ADVANCE BASE DUTY				
How does this officer compare in:				
NOTE: ITEM (A) TO BE MARKED ONLY FOR OFFICERS ON SEA OR ADVANCE BASE DUTY DURING THE PERIOD OF THIS REPORT				
1. STANDING DECK WATCHES UNDERWAY?				
2. ABILITY TO COMMAND?				
3. PERFORMANCE IN PRESENT DUTIES AS DESCRIBED IN SECTION 2, ABOVE?				
4. REACTIONS DURING EMERGENCIES?				
5. PERFORMANCE AT BATTLE STATION OR IN BATTLE DUTIES?				
B. INITIATIVE AND RESPONSIBILITY				
How well does this officer:				
1. ASSUME RESPONSIBILITY WHEN SPECIFIC INSTRUCTIONS ARE LACKING?				
2. GIVE FRANK OPINIONS WHEN ASKED OR VOLUNTEER THEM WHEN NECESSARY TO AVOID MISTAKES?				
3. FOLLOW THROUGH DESPITE OBSTACLES IN CARRYING OUT RESPONSIBILITIES ASSIGNED OR ASSUMED?				
C. UNDERSTANDING AND SKILL				
How well does this officer:				
1. GRASP INSTRUCTIONS AND PLANS GIVEN TO HIM?				
2. USE IDEAS AND SUGGESTIONS OF OTHERS?				
3. RATE IN TECHNICAL COMPETENCE IN HIS SPECIALTY, IF ANY? (Name Specialty)				
D. LEADERSHIP				
How well does this officer:				
1. INSPIRE SUBORDINATES TO WORK TO THE MAXIMUM OF THEIR CAPACITY?				
2. EFFECTIVELY DELEGATE RESPONSIBILITY?				
3. TRANSMIT ORDERS, INSTRUCTIONS, AND PLANS?				
4. ORGANIZE HIS WORK AND THAT OF THOSE UNDER HIS COMMAND OR SUPERVISION?				
5. MAINTAIN DISCIPLINE AMONG THOSE UNDER HIS COMMAND OR DIRECTION?				
E. CONDUCT AND WORK HABITS				
How does this officer compare in:				
1. ABILITY TO WORK WITH OTHERS?				
2. ABILITY TO ADAPT TO CHANGING NEEDS AND CONDITIONS?				
3. MILITARY CONDUCT—BEARING, DRESS, COURTESY, ETC.?				
8. INDICATE YOUR ATTITUDE TOWARD HAVING THIS OFFICER UNDER YOUR COMMAND, WOULD YOU:				
(Check one)				
DEFINITELY NOT WANT HIM? (UNSATISFACTORY)				
PREFER NOT TO HAVE HIM? (UNSATISFACTORY)				
BE SATISFIED TO HAVE HIM?				
BE PLEASED TO HAVE HIM?				
PARTICULARLY DESIRE HIM?				
9a. CONSIDERING ALL OFFICERS OF THE SAME RANK WHOSE PROFESSIONAL ABILITIES ARE KNOWN TO YOU PERSONALLY, WOULD YOU PROMOTE HIM?				
(Check one)				
UNDER NO CIRCUMSTANCES? (Unsatisfactory)				
IF 90% WERE TO BE PROMOTED?				
IF 70% WERE TO BE PROMOTED?				
IF 50% WERE TO BE PROMOTED?				
IF ONLY 10% WERE TO BE PROMOTED?				
9b. How many Officers are included in the group used for the comparison in 9a?				
10 OR LESS				
10 TO 50				
OVER 50				
10. COMMENT IN SECTION 12 AND GIVE REFERENCE HERE TO ANY COMMENDABLE OR ADVERSE REPORTS THAT HAVE BEEN MADE ON THE OFFICER DURING THIS PERIOD.				
11. HAVE YOU ANY ADVERSE COMMENTS TO MAKE REGARDING THIS OFFICER'S QUALITIES OR PERFORMANCE? HAS HE ANY MENTAL OR MORAL WEAKNESS WHICH ADVERSELY AFFECTS HIS EFFICIENCY?				
<input type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO				
If yes, explain in Section 12.				
UNSATISFACTORY. Yes in either Item of Section 11 constitutes an unsatisfactory report and must be referred to the officer for statement.				
12. Give in this space a clear, concise appraisal of the officer reported on and his performance of duty, including any worthy of special mention. Include recommendations as to promotion. Any statements of unsatisfactory performance, ability, character, or conduct must be referred to the officer for statement. Statements of a constructive nature which refer to minor imperfections or lack of qualifications do not constitute an unsatisfactory report. For example: "This officer was a little slow in getting started but is now making good progress" or "This officer is well qualified in his present duties but has had no experience at sea" would not be unsatisfactory in nature.				
Check one of these boxes — I CONSIDER THIS REPORT TO BE <input type="checkbox"/> SATISFACTORY <input type="checkbox"/> UNSATISFACTORY				
SIGNATURE OF OFFICER REPORTED ON (Applies only to Sections 1 through 5)				
SIGNATURE OF REPORTING OFFICER				
HAVE YOU READ THE ATTACHED INSTRUCTION SHEET?				

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The date this report submitted from
is left blank.

Commodore BATES' letter of 24 October
1945 refers.

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MOTOR TORPEDO BOATS PACIFIC FLEET
OFFICE OF THE COMMANDER

File No.

Serial

ALNAV 222-44

"The periods covered by the quarterly reports will be the 3 months ending on the last days of February, May, August, and November. These new dates are selected in order to stagger paper work of ships and stations by having fitness reports due on dates other than those requiring submission of materiel reports, inventory reports, etc."

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OFFICER'S FITNESS REPORT WORK SHEET

READ CAREFULLY THE INSTRUCTIONS ON THE REVERSE SIDE

DATE 30 November 1945

1. NAME (last) (first) (middle)		RANK AND CLASSIFICATION		FILE NO.
BATES, Richard Waller		Commodore, USN		9027
SHIP OR STATION		DATE FROM		PERIOD OF REPORT DATE TO
Commander, Motor Torpedo Boat Squadrons, PACIFIC Fleet				11/30/45
DATE OF ASSIGNMENT TO PRESENT DUTY		OCCASION FOR REPORT		
<input type="checkbox"/> DETACHMENT OF OFFICER REPORTED ON		<input type="checkbox"/> DETACHMENT OF REPORTING SENIOR		<input type="checkbox"/> REGULAR SEMI-ANNUAL <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> QUARTERLY <input type="checkbox"/> SPECIAL
2. DESCRIPTION OF DUTIES SINCE LAST FITNESS REPORT (List most recent first and describe accurately)				
Commander, Motor Torpedo Boat Squadrons PACIFIC Fleet				
Decommissioned entire motor torpedo boat command of 280 motor torpedo boats, 16 tenders and many mines.				
3. IF COURSES OF INSTRUCTION WERE COMPLETED DURING PERIOD OF THIS REPORT, LIST TITLE OF COURSE, LOCATION OF SCHOOL, LENGTH OF COURSE AND DATE COMPLETED.				
None				
Are you physically qualified for Sea Duty? <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> Don't Know				
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		CNO, General Board, Navy		Washington DC - Newport RI
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10. COMMENT IN SECTION 12 AND GIVE REFERENCE HERE TO ANY COMMENDABLE OR ADVERSE REPORTS THAT HAVE BEEN MADE ON THE OFFICER DURING THIS PERIOD.				
11. HAVE YOU ANY ADVERSE COMMENTS TO MAKE REGARDING THIS OFFICER'S QUALITIES OR PERFORMANCE? <input type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO If yes, explain in Section 12. UNSATISFACTORY. Yes in either item of Section 11 constitutes an unsatisfactory report and must be referred to the officer for statement.				
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Check one of these boxes — I CONSIDER THIS REPORT TO BE <input type="checkbox"/> SATISFACTORY <input type="checkbox"/> UNSATISFACTORY				
SIGNATURE OF OFFICER REPORTED ON (Applies only to Sections 1 through 5)				
SIGNATURE OF REPORTING OFFICER				
HAVE YOU READ THE ATTACHED INSTRUCTION SHEET?				

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**OFFICER'S FITNESS REPORT
INSTRUCTION SHEET**

IMPORTANT INSTRUCTIONS—READ CAREFULLY

GENERAL INSTRUCTIONS

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INSTRUCTIONS FOR REPORTING OFFICERS

In deciding on promotions of officers, Selection Boards must, in effect, compare an officer with others of the same rank rather than with more arbitrary standards. You will note that in Section 7 and subsequent sections you are asked to do just that — compare each officer with all others of the same rank whose professional abilities are known to you personally. Please note that the officer is *not* to be compared *only* with the others of his rank now under your command. For this reason, it is important to indicate in Section 9b how many officers are included in the group you use for comparison.

In making this comparison, keep in mind that the group of officers whose professional abilities are known to you personally (or any other group of people) will fall into a normal distribution when graded on any trait or factor — that is, there will be a small number at the lower end, a larger group in the middle, and a small group at the top. With this curve in mind, compare the officer with the group and mark him on each factor in Section 7 as falling in one of the five brackets — the lower 10%, the next 20%, the middle 40%, the next 20%, or the top 10%. Do not hesitate to mark "not observed" on any factor which you think not applicable to the duty in which you have observed the man or in which your observation has been too limited to warrant judgment.

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Sign all three pages of the report in the lower right-hand corner. The Officer's Qualification Report — Jacket Copy (Page 3) is to be detached and filed in the Officer's Qualification Record Jacket. The Officer's Fitness Report (Page 1) and the Officer's Qualification Report — BuPers Copy (Page 2) are to be forwarded — *not separated* — to BuPers.

While you are required by Navy Regulations to refer only unsatisfactory or unfavorable reports to the officer concerned, it is the opinion of the Bureau that Fitness Reports will be of greatest value to the officers of the Navy if reporting officers will discuss them with the officer reported on as a matter of general practice when possible.

INSTRUCTIONS FOR OFFICER REPORTED ON

It is your responsibility to fill out Sections 1 through 5 of this form and to sign all sheets in the lower left-hand corner. Submit the form to your reporting senior at the times specified in the General Instructions above. Use a typewriter, if at all possible — if not, use ink, but be sure that all copies are legible.

Note: For convenience there is printed on the back of these instructions a work sheet which may be used as a draft in preparing the carbonized set. The work sheet is to be detached before filling out the carbonized set and is NOT to be forwarded to BuPers.

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OFFICER'S QUALIFICATION REPORT


NAVPERS-310C (REV. 8-44)

JACKET COPY

PLEASE TYPE THIS FORM

If no typewriter is available use ink but be sure all copies are legible.

DATE 29 December 1945

1. NAME			RANK AND CLASSIFICATION			FILE NO.			
(last) (first) (middle)									
BATES, Richard Waller			Commodore, U.S.N.			9027			
SHIP OR STATION						PERIOD OF REPORT			
Commander Motor Torpedo Boat Squadrons PACIFIC Fleet.						DATE FROM DATE TO			
						1 Dec. 1945 29 Dec. 1945			
DATE OF ASSIGNMENT TO PRESENT DUTY		OCCASION FOR REPORT							
5-21-45		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> DETACHMENT OF OFFICER REPORTED ON <input type="checkbox"/> DETACHMENT OF REPORTING SENIOR <input type="checkbox"/> REGULAR SEMI-ANNUAL <input type="checkbox"/> QUARTERLY <input type="checkbox"/> SPECIAL							
2. DESCRIPTION OF DUTIES SINCE LAST FITNESS REPORT (List most recent first and describe accurately)								FROM TO	
								MO. YR. MO. YR.	
Commander Motor Torpedo Boat Squadrons PACIFIC Fleet								12 45 12 45	
Completed decommissioning 285 MTBs.									
3. IF COURSES OF INSTRUCTION WERE COMPLETED DURING PERIOD OF THIS REPORT, LIST TITLE OF COURSE, LOCATION OF SCHOOL, LENGTH OF COURSE AND DATE COMPLETED.								Are you physically qualified for Sea Duty?	
None								<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> Don't Know	
4. IF AVIATOR, INDICATE NO. OF FLIGHT HOURS LAST TWO YEARS FOR EACH TYPE AIRCRAFT		TYPE OF AIRCRAFT						TOTAL	
		NO. OF HOURS							
5. MY PREFERENCE FOR NEXT DUTY IS:		SEA		KIND OF DUTY		LOCATION			
		SHORE		Cruisers		Pacific Fleet			
				C.N.O., General Board War Col.		Washington, D.C. - Newport, R.I.			
6. SECTION 6 TO BE FILLED IN BY REPORTING OFFICER				NAME OF REPORTING OFFICER		RANK		OFFICIAL STATUS RELATIVE TO OFFICER REPORTED ON	
SIGNATURE OF OFFICER REPORTED ON (Applies only to Sections 1 through 5)						SIGNATURE OF REPORTING OFFICER			
									

When completed remove carbon paper, forward Pages 1 and 2, not detached, to BuPers. Retain Page 3 for "Officer's Qualification Record Jacket".

PAGE 3

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OFFICER'S FITNESS REPORT WORK SHEET

READ CAREFULLY THE INSTRUCTIONS ON THE REVERSE SIDE

DATE

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BATES Richard Waller		Commodore, U.S.N.		9027
SHIP OR STATION		PERIOD OF REPORT		DATE TO
Commander, Motor Torpedo Boat Squadrons PACIFIC Fleet.		DATE FROM		Dec 29/45
DATE OF ASSIGNMENT TO PRESENT DUTY		OCCASION FOR REPORT		
<input type="checkbox"/> DETACHMENT OF OFFICER REPORTED ON		<input type="checkbox"/> DETACHMENT OF REPORTING SENIOR	<input type="checkbox"/> REGULAR SEMI-ANNUAL	<input type="checkbox"/> QUARTERLY
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DO NOT LEAVE BLANK

SIGNATURE OF OFFICER REPORTED ON (Applies only to Sections 1 through 5)

SIGNATURE OF REPORTING OFFICER

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Text:

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#277

CDRE RICHARD W BATES 9027 DIRDET BY CINCPAC DUTY AS COMDR
 MTBRONSPAC PROREP COMPHILSEAFRON DUTY AS CHIEF OF STAFF AND
 AIDE TO COMPHILSEAFRON X ~OVMEIRAIRDIR X NAVTRANSAIR 2 X 100
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From: BUPERS

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Action: COMMTBRONSPACFLT

Info:

COMPHILSEAFRON, COMSRVPAC, CINCPAC/POA HEDPEARL

* Com 'MTB Rons Pac Flt	Communications	Personnel	Engineering	Aerological	CWO
* Chief Staff Officer	Flag Secretary	Supply	Gunnery	Medical	
* Operations	Logistics	Materiel	Intelligence	Chaplain	

* Receives Copy All Messages

A—Action Officer

I—Information Officer

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MOTOR TORPEDO BOAT SQUADRONS PACIFIC FLEET
Office of the Commander

COMBronsFac/F16-4/00
RWB:fmw

2nd Endorsement on: COMBronsFac orders
Serial 7-184 dated 15 Dec. 1945.

23 December 1945

From: Commander Motor Torpedo Boat Squadrons PACIFIC Fleet.
To: Commanders Richard W. BATES, U.S.N. (9027).
Subject: Temporary Additional Duty.

1. Reported this date - temporary additional duty completed.
Resume your regular duties.

R. W. BATES

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UNITED STATES PACIFIC FLEET
AND PACIFIC OCEAN AREAS
HEADQUARTERS OF THE COMMANDER IN CHIEF

21 DEC 1945

1st Endorsement on
ComMOPAS orders
Serial 2-184 dated
15 Dec 45.

From: Commander in Chief, U. S. Pacific Fleet.
To: Commodore Richard F. Laffin, U.S. Navy (2027).
Subject: Temporary additional duty.

1. Reported 18 December 1945. Temporary additional duty completed this date. Carry out the remaining portion of your basic orders.

2. While attached to Cincpac, government quarters were available and were assigned you.

Copy to:
BuPers
ComMOPAS

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MOTOR TORPEDO BOAT SQUADRONS PACIFIC FLEET
Office of the Commander

CMTBRonsPac/Pl6-4/00(T)
Serial T-184
RWB:chb

15 December 1945

From: Commander Motor Torpedo Boat Squadrons PACIFIC Fleet.
To: Commodore R. W. BATES, U. S. Navy (9027).
Subject: Temporary Additional Duty.
Reference: (a) CinCPac/CinCPoa dispatch 131022 December.
(b) BuPers - BuS&A jt ltr 29 April 1944 (Jan - June 44, AS&SL, P. 756).

1. In accordance with reference (a) and upon receipt of these orders, you will proceed immediately and report to the Headquarters of the Commander-in-Chief, U. S. PACIFIC Fleet, Pearl Harbor, T.H. for temporary additional duty in connection with official business.

2. This is in addition to your present duties and upon the completion thereof you will return to this command and resume your regular duties.

3. Travel by Government and/or commercial air is directed, except where other means of authorized travel are equally or more expeditious, and is necessary for the successful accomplishment of an essential or emergency war mission. In accordance with reference (a) NATS class TWO air priority is certified.

R. W. BATES

cc: BuPers

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MOTOR TORPEDO BOAT SQUADRONS PACIFIC FLEET
Office of the Commander

CMTBRonsPac/P20-2/00
Serial 2450
RWB:fmw

11 December 1945

From: Commander Motor Torpedo Boat Squadrons PACIFIC Fleet.
To: Commander-in-Chief, U. S. PACIFIC Fleet.

Subject: Fitness report.

Enclosure: (A) NavPers 310A for Commo. R.W. Bates, USN.

1. Quarterly fitness report is herewith forwarded.
2. It will be noted that paragraph two (2) is not complete in that date "from" has been left vacant, the date of the last report not being known.

R. W. BATES

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JACKET COPY:

PLEASE TYPE THIS FORM

If no typewriter is available use Ink but be sure all copies are legible.

DATE **30 November 1945**

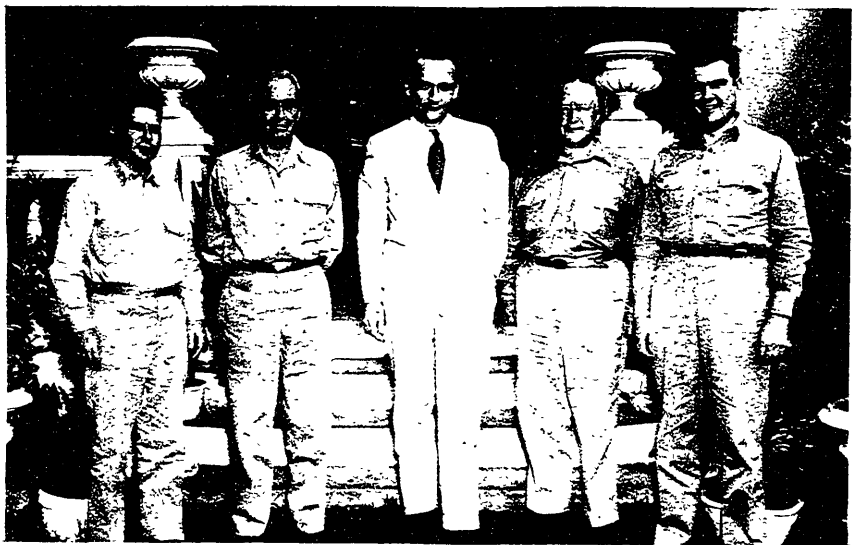
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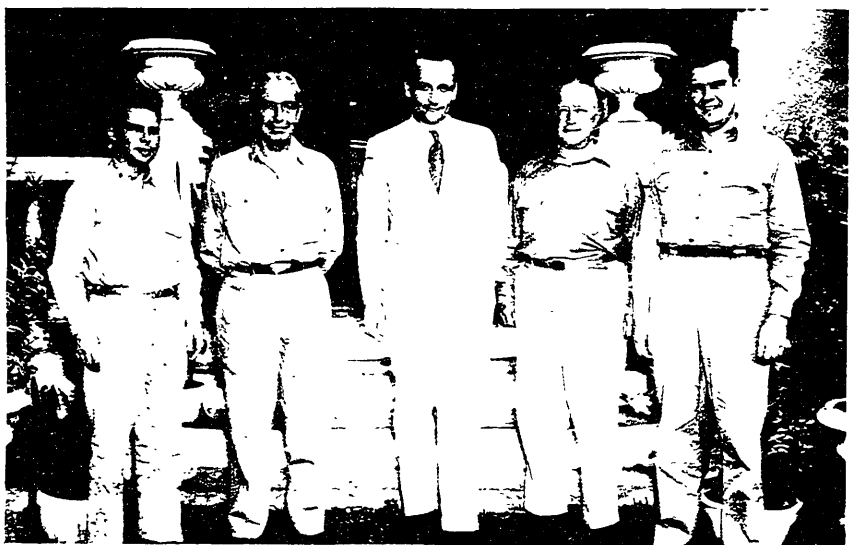
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SAN FRANCISCO, (UP)—Two counts of forgery and one of grand theft were filed against Alfred Leonard Cline, 56 year old former Denver choir singer who is charged with murder at Dallas, Tex., and is under investigation in 10 other mysterious deaths or disappearances.

Word Gets Around

SAN FRANCISCO, (AP)—Word got around that a wholesale house here had butter for sale in 5-pound packages. Fifteen thousand housewives, and a sprinkling of men, turned out and began fighting for entrance into the store. Police riot squads dispersed the crowd.

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HOLLYWOOD, (UP)—Comedian Jack Benny was informed that he had been elected honorary mayor for 1946 of the cities of Anaheim, Azusa and Cucamonga. It took the train caller on Benny's radio program to put the towns "on the map," city officials said.

Getting German Cruiser

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New Helicopter Records

BRIDGEPORT, (AP)—Two International records for helicopters were broken in trials here when an Army-Sikorsky R-5 soared to 21,000 feet and traveled 114.6 miles per hour.

Sub, Cruiser Collide

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Stilwell In Frisco Post

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MineRon 12 Back Home

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Canine Bill Of Rights

WAZUEA, CAL., (UP)—A bill of rights for discharged canine members of the armed forces was set up by Al Madin, Azusa kennel owner who announced a free hair trim and bath for any dog whose owner can show the animal served honorably in the armed forces.

MOVIES TONIGHT

MANILA

PSF—That Night With You, Susana Foster, Franchot Tone

CNB—Captain Kidd, Charles Laughton, Randolph Scott

24thCB—First Comes Courage, Brian Aherne, Merle Oberon

119thCB—Jesse James, Tyrone Power, Henry Fonda

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SANGLEY—Radio Stars On Parade, Frances Langford, Wally Brown

CAVITE—Men In Her Diary, Jon Hall, Peggy Ryan

APL—19—Mexicana, Constance Moore, Leo Carrillo

APL—8—Uncle Harry, George Sanders, Ella Raines

PANDA—Two Girls And A Sailor, June Allyson, Van Johnson

SHIPS SALVAGE—Tree Grows In Brooklyn, Joan Blondell, James Dunn

BOAT POOL—See Here Pvt. Hargrove, Robert Walker, Donna Reed

CAPTAIN'S MESS—Meet Miss Bobby Socks, Bob Crosby, Lynn Merrick

WVTM Program Tonight

1800—News, 1815—Remember

1830—Thirty Minutes In Harlem

1900—Information Please

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2000—R. Bennett, 2030—Joan Davis

2100—Radio Theater

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2345—Words With Music

PhilSeafon Data

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Italy Reports Disorders

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Topseeded Bobby Riggs, Los Angeles, defeated Bob Harmon, Oakland, 6-3, 3-6, 6-2, and Fred Perry, unattached, won from Jack March, Culver City, 6-2, 6-3.

Shutting The Door?

NEW YORK, (AP)—In a move described as "shutting the door" on the new All-America conference and its individual clubs, the national football club owners limited their loop to a maximum of ten teams by law.

In a companion amendment to the circuit's constitution, adopted at their annual meeting, the magnates also prohibited the league from issuing more than a single franchise in any one city in the future.



Janitor Jailed In Degnan Case

CHICAGO, (UP)—A former part-time janitor of the apartment building where kidnapped six-year-old Suzanne Degnan was dissected became the "liveliest clue" in the case.

The former janitor, identified by police as Wilbur Phillips, 45, a negro handyman, was arrested in Wilmette.

Police learned he had been doing odd jobs in the neighborhood last week, but had not been seen since the kidnapping last Monday.

President Nominates 21 Commodores

WASHINGTON, (AP)—President Truman nominated two captains to be rear admirals and 21 other naval officers to the rank of commodore.

The captains promoted in the recess appointments are Leslie C. Stevens and Rico Botta.

Among those named commodores, to hold the rank temporarily while filling specific assignments, are (with the post they will occupy): Richard W. Bates, chief of staff to commander, Philippine Sea Frontier; Daniel F. Worth, Jr. Deputy commander, Marianas, and chief of staff and aide to commander, Marianas; Thomas G. Peyton, commandant, naval operating base, Guam.

Einstein Assails British Palestine Rule

WASHINGTON, (AP)—Dr. Albert Einstein told the Anglo-American Palestine committee that the idea of an evenual Jewish state in the Holy land "is against my heart" and that he wanted to see the territory administered by the United Nations Organization. The noted Jewish scientist assailed the British administration of the Palestine mandate. He declared that a "divide and rule" technique was being practiced.

Plans To Aid GI Joes Illegitimate Children

NEW YORK, (UP)—A former Red Cross worker announced the organization of the World's Children Foundation, aimed at aiding "thousands" of illegitimate children of American soldiers.

Between 3,000 and 5,000 of these waifs are in Algiers alone, explained Miss Mary Rizzotto. "And there are many thousands of others scattered throughout Europe."

Still Shooting

SADDLE MOUNTAIN, OKLA., (AP) — The chief of the Kiowas—wearing the blue and gold of his army scout days with General Custer—will ride a horse and show his skill with the bow and arrow when he celebrates his 100th birthday Tuesday

Receives Ribbon



Captain Armand J. Pereyra, (MC) USN, has been awarded a commendation with ribbon for service on the staff of Commander Motor Torpedo Squadrons, Seventh Fleet, from Dec. 1944 to Aug. 1945, at which time his rank was commander. Shown pinning the ribbon on him is Vice Adm. J. L. Kauffman, ComPhilSeaFron.

Would Build 5 Million Homes In Shipyards

ATLANTIC CITY, (UP)—The Industrial Union of Shipbuilders has called for the wholesale conversion of shipyards to the manufacture of prefabricated houses.

Housing manufacture, said a union committee, would offset an employment problem caused by cutbacks in shipyards and would relieve the acute housing shortage.

Set: 11 Month Goal

The committee said shipyard employees could build 5,000,000 prefabricated houses within the next 11 months, and that their transportation in sections to areas where housing is acute could be accomplished easily.

The houses would not be temporary, the committee said, but would last from 15 to 20 years. They would be well insulated by the new methods used successfully on ships.

Greeks Warned To Put House In Order

WASHINGTON, (AP) — Hungry Greece obtained a \$25,000,000 loan from the U. S. Along with it she received a stern admonition that she must put her house in order—economically and politically—immediately if she hopes for additional help.

Chief points were these: 1. "Elections accurately reflecting the wishes of the Greek people." 2. "Vigorous measures to control inflation and to revive industry and trade."

'Ike' And Nimitz To Address Congress On Demobilization

WASHINGTON, (AP) — Gen. Eisenhower and Fleet Adm. Nimitz will discuss the demobilization situation before a joint Congressional session tomorrow at the request of the War and Navy Departments, which are anxious to present their side of the troublesome problem.

The flood of protesting messages from overseas servicemen continued unabated.

Training Period Cut

The Army, meanwhile, cut the training period of new recruits from 17 to 13 weeks to step up the flow of replacements for high-point men on foreign soil.

Sen. Edward Johnson (D-Col.) chairman of the Senate Military Subcommittee assigned to investigate demobilization, said he does not expect Eisenhower's and Nimitz's statements will eliminate the need for a thorough Congressional probe.

Washington Editorial

A Washington Post editorial says: "The argument we must maintain a large army overseas in order to destroy the war-making potential of hostile nations is not valid any longer."

"What pertinence has this argument to our brother Filipinos? Is there any other war potential in the Philippines to destroy? It is our belief that neither in the Philippines nor in enemy countries is there need to retain a large number of troops."

McNarney's View

Gen. Joseph T. McNarney, addressing U. S. soldiers in Frankfurt, Germany, acknowledged that "we have not done as good a job as we should have" in redeployment, adding that "one of the mistakes of the War Dept. is that it has not been sufficiently demanding upon draft boards for replacements."

He told the soldiers their people back home should "bear down on the draft boards so the War Dept. can send us the men to fill your places."

Charges Vets Barred From Jobs

LOS ANGELES, (UP)—State and local government have been guilty of discrimination against returning servicemen, a federal attorney charged.

Assistant U. S. Attorney James M. Carter in a letter to the Military Affairs Committee of the state legislature asked enactment of laws assuring returning veterans the same treatment given them by Federal government and private employers.

Carter said State and local government agencies had in many cases failed to give veterans their old jobs.

Freeing 'District' Girls

TOKYO, (AP)—The Brothel Keepers Assn. has decided to abolish licensed prostitution and to "liberate" all girls of Tokyo's restricted districts.

Stock Mart's Best Week In 7 Years

NEW YORK, (AP) — The Stock Market stumbled Saturday after six successive advances and its best week of the past seven years during which the averages climbed to peaks since 1931 on a string of better than 2-million-share sessions. The Associated Press 60-stock composite was off .3 of a point at 77.8 but for the week retained a net gain of 2.9 points.

Ex-G.I.'s Given Long Terms For Holdup

LOS ANGELES, (UP)—Two ex-servicemen accused of the largest armed robbery in the West—the \$111,300 holdup of two bank messengers in Burbank last July 30 — were given the longest prison terms ever ordered in Los Angeles federal courts for such a crime.

Stanley Matyssek, 23, Niagara Falls, N. Y., was sentenced to 42 years. John J. Uckele, Camden, N. J., was given 35 years.

Collect \$116,000,000

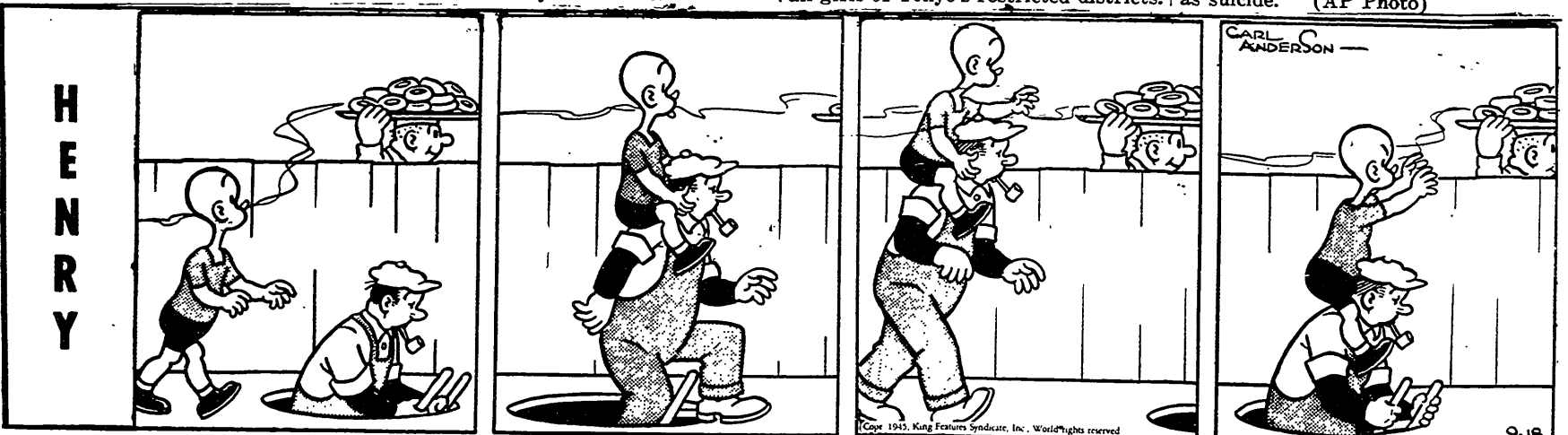
WASHINGTON, (AP)—War veterans have collected \$116,628,725 in unemployment and self-employment allotments since September under the GI Bill of Rights.

Payments have been increasing weekly. For the week ending Dec. 22, veterans received payments that totaled \$11,157,837. In the preceding week 446,288 veterans received a total of \$10,633,369.

Nothing To Live For



Wanda Williams, 18, decided a year ago "if something did not happen in 1945 to make life worth while living," she would quit living. Her mother to whom she wrote those lines, found her hanging from a rafter, in the garage on Jan. 2. Police listed the death as suicide. (AP Photo)



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MEMORANDUM FOR THE COMMANDER IN CHIEF, U.S. FLEET.

Subj: Motor Torpedo Boats - Development of New Design.

Refs: (a) CNO conf. ltr. Op-23D-MEM serial 0635923 of 10 Nov. 1944.
(b) Study of PT Program as of 1 Jan. 1945.
(c) Electric Boat Co. Ltr. of 30 Nov. 1944, with endorsements thereto. (Doc. 147388).
(d) Age Study of PTs assigned to 7th Fleet.

Encl: (A) Copy of Ref. (a).
(B) Ref. (b).
(C) Ref. (c).
(D) Ref. (d).

1. It is the opinion of the Vice Chief of Naval Operations that development of a new design of PT boat is desirable in order to keep pace with progress in new equipment and to carry the increased ordnance loads now required. As originally projected, these craft were intended as weapons of opportunity against torpedo targets, but subsequent to the early days of the Solomons campaign, they have been mostly employed as fast gunboats in anti-barge warfare. With the few exceptions noted in reference (b), PTs in service are of Elco 80' and Higgins 78' designs. All PTs of present building program are of these types, the prototypes of which were Elco PT-103 and Higgins PT-71, designed in late 1941 and built in 1942.

2. The designed displacement of PT-103 was 103,000# predicated on an ordnance and electronic load of 25,000#. Designed displacement of PT-71 was 105,000#, although the first units delivered were considerably overweight and required extensive rebuilding to improve speed. Ordnance and electronic loads of both types were identical as were the propulsion plants of 3600 S.H.P. capacity. As a result of demands for increased armament and equipment to meet changed operational requirements, PTs are now carrying ordnance and electronic loads of about 42,000#. New weapons and equipment now in prospect will require even greater loads. In order to accommodate these increased loads and in attempting to maintain original characteristics, hulls have been heavily reinforced to support armament, arrangement has been considerably modified and power increased to the limit of 4500 S.H.P. Hull and armament changes have largely been improvised by Forces Afloat and armament foundations are consequently heavier and less satisfactory than those incorporated in new construction. As a result, the full load displacement is now about 124,000# without any major hull design changes having been made. The following adverse effects on military characteristics are noted:

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- (a) Reduction in speed and decreased acceleration.
- (b) Reduction in seakeeping qualities.
- (c) Increased stresses in the hull which will appreciably reduce the service life (now estimated to be about two years). ?
- (d) Working space for ordnance, electronic and other equipment is now restricted and limits their use.
- (e) Reduction in cruising radius.
- (f) Living accommodations have become overcrowded.
- (g) Limitations of weight and space will preclude adoption of important new weapons and equipments now under development.

3. To date, PTs have been employed in relatively protected waters and their seakeeping qualities of present type have been generally satisfactory. As the war in the Pacific progresses to waters north of Luzon, these conditions will no longer obtain and seakeeping characteristics will become of greater importance. It is believed that PTs will continue to be employed against enemy barge traffic as well as against torpedo targets and that anti-aircraft protection will be of even greater importance than at present. While several other types of craft have been converted to gunboats, none of these possess the speed required to penetrate long distances into enemy-held coastal areas, under cover of darkness.

4. In consideration of the foregoing, it is recommended that development of new design of PT be initiated and that general characteristics be specified after a conference between representatives of the Navy Department and the most experienced Fleet personnel available. The following general characteristics are recommended for consideration:

- (a) Displacement - as necessary - and not to exceed 165,000# which appears to be the limit of existing terminal lifting facilities when PTs are stripped of all removable weights.
- (b) Dimensions - length not to exceed 100'.
- (c) Speed - minimum, 40 knots under service conditions, carrying full military load.

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- (d) Range - 600 miles at 20 knots speed.
- (e) Ordnance and electronic load - about 52,000#.
- (f) Shallow draft and low silhouette.
- (g) Maximum practicable space for conn and fire control unobstructed by armaments and installation.
- (h) A commodious C.I.C. adjacent to conning station.
- (i) Accommodations for three (3) officers and sixteen (16) men.
- (j) Armament: (To be determined by PT conference. The following combination within the weight limits mentioned in paragraph 4(a) above is suggested.)
 - 1. Four (4) Mk 13 torpedoes in side launching racks.
 - 2. Two (2) M-9 37mm guns, in two (2) double purpose mounts.
 - 3. Four (4) caliber .50 machine guns in two (2) scarf ring mounts.
 - 4. Four (4) 20mm machine guns in two (2) twin mounts.
 - 5. Thirty-two (32) 5.0" SSR rocket barrels in latest approved mounts.
 - 6. One (1) 81mm mortar.
 - 7. Two (2) FM smoke screen generators or smoke pot equivalents.
- (k) Armored conning station, C.I.C. gun stations and engine room as practicable, using most suitable type of metal, glass or plastic armor.
- (l) Radar (air and surface search), with fire control adaptations.

5. It is recognized that the armament suggested in paragraph 4(j) above appears disproportionate to the hull and complement, but attention is invited to the fact that it is a reduction in calibers and gun barrels actually installed in many boats in service. The PT armament presently authorized is shown in reference (a).

6. In development of new design, it is contemplated that, insofar as practicable, existing types of propulsion units and auxiliaries be used

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in the interests of availability and interchangeability of spare parts. It is, however, assumed that PTs will be continued indefinitely as a Navy weapon and suitability of other types of propulsion plants should be investigated.

7. If the proposal for development of a new PT type is approved, it is recommended that consideration be given to modifying present procurement directives to permit construction of four (4) units as experimental boats of new design.

8. Enclosures (B) and (C) contain information considered pertinent to this proposal and are forwarded for information. Ultimate return of Enclosure (C) is requested.

9. In view of the large number of boats approaching their age limit, reference (d), it is evident that production of present types should not be interrupted pending development of a new design.

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~~MOTOR TORPEDO BOAT SQUADRONS TRAINING CENTER~~
~~PORTSMOUTH (MELVILLE), RHODE ISLAND~~

~~MEMORANDUM~~

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From: ~~Commanding Officer.~~

To: Commodore Bates

Subject:

I don't believe this memo has come to your attention, and thought you might like to discuss it with Bowling.

one of the results of this was the written statement of Adm Knig that "PT boats would be indefinitely considered as a fighting weapon in our Navy, for design purposes."

this is the only copy I have.

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"---WITH OUR 'YAMATO DOMASHI' DATING BACK 3000 YEARS, WE ARE VASTLY SUPERIOR TO THE ENEMY."

ROCKS AND SHOALS

TWO STARS HERE IS THE STORY OF OUR ADMIRAL--RICHARD L. CONOLLY

It is altogether fitting that we should dedicate this issue of RIPTIDE -- The VICTORY Issue -- to a man who has done so much to bring about our triumph. Under his able leadership we of the Appalachian, his staff, and the men under his command have played a great part in bringing about final victory. It is in this light that we respectfully dedicate this edition to Rear Admiral Richard L. Conolly, United States Navy. ED.

This is the story of Rear Admiral Richard Lansing Conolly -- a story unembellished by high-sounding phrases and fantastic claims, but a factual record of naval achievement that has placed him among the figures who have led the American navy to victory.

Just for the record, Admiral Conolly was born in 1892 in Waukegan, Illinois. He entered the Naval Academy in 1910 and graduated in 1914 as Ensign R. L. Conolly. His first duty afloat was aboard the U.S.S. Virginia, a battlewagon, and he stayed aboard until 1916, at which time he was assigned to the destroyer Smith. He served sixteen months in the European war zone during World War I escorting troop and merchant ship convoys out of the Azores, Queenstown, and Brest. During this period he was awarded the Navy Cross, and in October of 1918 was promoted to Lieutenant.

In the years following the War, he served on various units of the fleet -- destroyers, cruisers, and battleships. During his entire career, Admiral Conolly has always been with the U. S. Fleet, never serving with the Asiatic fleet or on outlying stations.

He was married in 1921 in Boston to Miss Helen Jacobs, a graduate of Wellesley College. In June of 1925 he was promoted to Lieutenant Commander, and in 1929 got his first command as skipper of the destroyer Case. Later he became skipper of the destroyer DuPont, and during the ensuing ten years almost all of his duties were among the hard hitting "cans". He was promoted to Commander in July 1935.

From 1936 to 1939 he served at the U.S. Naval Academy, part of the time as acting Head of the Department of Navigation and Seamanship. In 1939 he became commander of Destroyer Division 7. In February of 1941 he became commander of Destroyer Squadron 6 and shortly thereafter was promoted to Captain.

During the days before Pearl Harbor, Conolly, as commander of Desron 6, became closely acquainted with Lord Admiral Louis Mountbatten, then skipper of the British carrier Illustrious, later chief of combined operations for the British Admiralty, and now chief of the Asiatic theatre. Mountbatten rode with Conolly on the squadron flagship, the destroyer Balch, and during the course of several weeks the two became close personal friends.

Few people know that Admiral Conolly -- then Captain Conolly -- led the first organized navy offensive assault against the Japs soon after the attack on Pearl Harbor.

As commander of destroyers under Admiral Halsey, who was in command of a carrier task force on the carrier Enterprise, Conolly stood on the bridge of his flagship off the Marshall and Gilbert Islands early on the morning of February 1, 1942 and asked permission to bombard at close range with his squadron. Permission was granted and they moved in -- and moved in close, particularly during the bombardment of Tarao in Maleolap atoll, Marshall Islands. And therein lies another tale. For it was during this first offensive action against the Jap held islands that the Admiral earned his nickname, "Close-In" Conolly, a name that was to prove its truisms even more as the war progressed.

The squadron commander took his small craft in close for bombardment, raking the beach from point-blank range. And that was when the Japs were ruling the Pacific. Exactly two years later Admiral Conolly was to lead a huge amphibious attack force into the Marshalls to plant the American flag on Jap mandated Roi and Namur islands.

"Close-In" Conolly proved that his nickname was no misnomer in later Pacific engagements in 1942. When he led his squadron in an attack on Wake Island on February 24 of that year he again went in close. His flagship, the Balch, sank a Jap gunboat and laid such a rapid and terrific shore bombardment that Tokyo Rose later described her as a "super cruiser" with automatic guns. On March 4, 1942 on the first American raid on Marcus Island, just 1000 miles from Tokyo, Conolly again commanded the screen of small craft.

Later he was commander of destroyers screening the carriers Enterprise and Hornet when they took General Jimmy Doolittle's band of

raiding bombers to within 800 miles of Tokyo for the first raid on Japan proper. Plans called for the surface force to move closer to Japan but an unfortunate encounter with a Jap small craft left the possibility of discovery of the secret mission--hence the early launching.

A short time before the battle of Midway Admiral Conolly was transferred to the staff of the Commander in Chief, U.S. Fleet, in Washington. He remained in Washington with the fleet commanders staff for seven months, being promoted to Rear Admiral at the end of that period.

When Admiral Conolly was sent to Africa in February of 1943 to assume command of all amphibious bases and landing craft in Northwest African waters he was destined to become one of the pioneers and leaders in the navy's new No. 1 weapon -- amphibious warfare.

In northern Africa, under command of Vice Admiral Hewitt and in company with two other attack forces commanded by Rear Admiral Hall and Rear Admiral Kirk, he mounted two of the largest naval attack forces ever seen up to that time and successfully directed them in assaults on Sicily and Italy.

During the action at Sicily Admiral Conolly true to his tradition, moved his flagship to point blank range of the shore batteries and was caught by the rays of the Italian searchlights from the beach. As the campaign progressed he was given overall charge of the Naval support for the Seventh Army.

At the conclusion of the Sicilian operation he returned to Bizerte to prepare for the Salerno assault. In September he led his group into Salerno for one of the bloodiest amphibious conflicts of the war. At Salerno Captain George C. Dyer, the Admiral's Chief of Staff, was seriously wounded by a shell hit while standing beside the Admiral on the bridge of the flagship.

Upon completion of the Italian landing Admiral Conolly was ordered to the West Coast of the United States to organize Group Three of the Fifth Amphibious Force. (The title of this command later changed to Com-

The Way Out: Along the Path of Reason or Utter Destruction

Text of the surrender proclamation:

1--We, the President of the United States, the President of the National Government of the Republic of China, and the Prime Minister of Great Britain, representing the hundreds of millions of our countrymen, have conferred and agreed that Japan shall be given an opportunity to end this war.

2--The prodigious land, sea, and air forces of the United States, the British Empire, and of China, many times reinforced by their armies and air fleets from the west, are poised to strike the final blows upon Japan. This military power is sustained and inspired by the determination of all the Allied nations to prosecute the war against Japan until she ceases to exist.

3--The result of the futile and senseless resistance to the might of the aroused free peoples of the world stands forth in awful clarity as an example to the people of Japan. The might that now converges upon Japan is immeasurably greater than that which, when applied to the resisting Nazis, necessarily laid waste to the land, the industry, and the method of life of the whole German people. The full application of our military power, backed by our resolve, will mean the inevitable and complete destruction of the Japanese armed forces and just as inevitably the utter devastation of the Japanese homeland.

4--The time has come for Japan to decide whether she will continue to be controlled by those self-willed militaristic advisers whose unintelligent calculations have brought the empire of Japan to the threshold of annihilation, or whether she will follow the path of reason.

5--Following are our terms. We will not deviate from them. There are no alternatives. We shall brook no delay.

6--There must be eliminated for all time the authority and influence of those who have deceived and misled the people of Japan into embarking on a world conquest. We insist that a new order of peace, security, and justice will be impossible until irresponsible militarism is driven from the world.

7--Until such a new order is established and until there is convincing proof Japan's war-making power is destroyed, points in Japanese territory to be designated by the Allies shall be occupied to secure the achievement of the basic objectives we are here setting forth.

8--The terms of the Cairo declaration shall be carried out and Japanese sovereignty shall be limited to the Islands of Honshu, Hokkaido, Kyushu, Shikoku, and such minor islands as we determine.

9--The Japanese military forces, after being completely disarmed, shall be permitted to return to their homes with the opportunity to lead peaceful and productive lives.

10--We do not intend that the Japanese

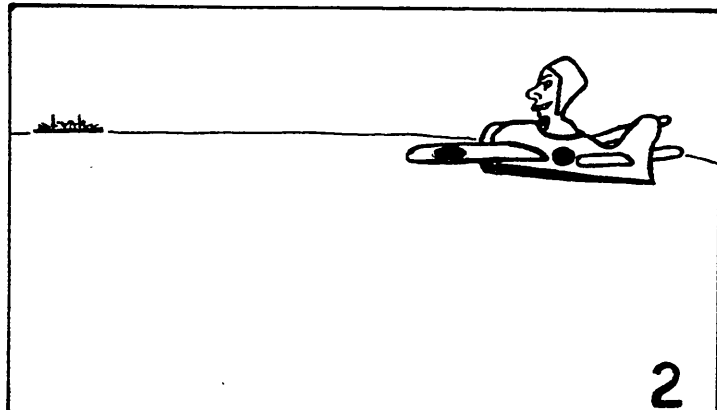
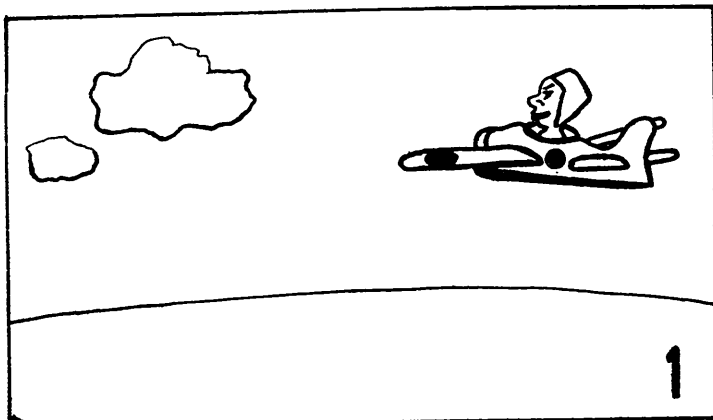
shall be enslaved as a race or destroyed as a nation, but stern justice shall be meted out to all war criminals, including those who have visited cruelties upon our prisoners. The Japanese Government shall remove all obstacles to the revival and strengthening of democratic tendencies among the Japanese people. Freedom of speech, of religion, and of thought as well as respect for the fundamental human rights shall be established.

11--Japan shall be permitted to maintain such industries as will sustain her economy and permit the exaction of just reparations in kind, but not those which would enable her to rearm for war. To this end, access to, as distinguished from control of, raw materials shall be permitted. Eventual Japanese participation in world trade relations shall be permitted.

12--The occupying forces of the Allies shall be withdrawn from Japan as soon as these objectives have been accomplished and there has been established in accordance with the freely expressed will of the Japanese people a peacefully inclined and responsible government.

13--We call upon the government of Japan to proclaim now the unconditional surrender of all Japanese armed forces, and to provide proper and adequate assurances of their good faith in such action. The alternative for Japan is prompt and utter destruction.

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mander Amphibious Group Three, U.S. Pacific Fleet.)

On the 2nd of December 1943 he boarded the U.S.S. Appalachian in San Diego and this ship has remained his flagship to the present date. After the assumption of his new command Admiral Conolly trained, rehearsed, and combat loaded the 4th Marine Division on the West Coast of the United States. Then, as Commander of Task Force 53 (Northern Attack Force) he participated in the operation for the capture of Kwajalein Atoll, landing the 4th Marines at Roi - Namur.

In July of 1944 Admiral Conolly became Commander of Amphibious Operations for the capture of Guam. As commander of the Southern Attack Force he landed the Third Amphibious Corps on Guam, including the Third Marine Division, First Provisional Marine Brigade, and the Seventy-Seventh Infantry Division.

In October, as the Pacific fleet swept closer to Japan, the Admiral took part in the invasion of the Philippines. As Commander of Task Group 79.1 he landed the Seventh Infantry Division at Dulag while participating in operations for the capture of Leyte Island.

Continuing the sweep up the Philippines, he next took part in operations in the Lingayen Gulf, off Luzon, by bringing in the Twenty-Fifth Infantry Division and the 158th Regimental Combat Team. For his outstanding part in these latter two operations Admiral Conolly was awarded a Gold Star in lieu of the Third Distinguished Service Medal, the accompanying citation of which appears elsewhere in this issue.

Back home the Admiral is a family man, just like the rest of us. His wife is temporarily living in Washington, awaiting his return. He has a daughter Ann, who is 22. She graduated from Wellesley College last June and is now employed at the Navy Department. He has two sons, Richard, 19, who is now at West Point, and Robert, 18, who has just entered Annapolis.

Among decorations which Admiral Conolly holds are the Navy Cross, for World War I; the Distinguished Service Medal with two Gold Stars, for operations at Roi-Namur, Guam, Leyte, and Lingayen; the Legion of Merit with one Gold Star for the Sicilian invasion and the Italian invasion at Salerno; the Commendation Ribbon for the Marshall Island raids; the Mexican Service Medal; the Victory Medal with Destroyer Clasp (World War I); the American Defense Service Medal, American Area Service ribbon, European-African-Middle Eastern Service Ribbon with 3 bronze stars, the Asiatic-Pacific Service with one silver star (equivalent of 5 bronze

stars); the Philippine Liberation Ribbon with 2 bronze stars; and the Companion of the Bath a British Decoration, for the Sicilian invasion.

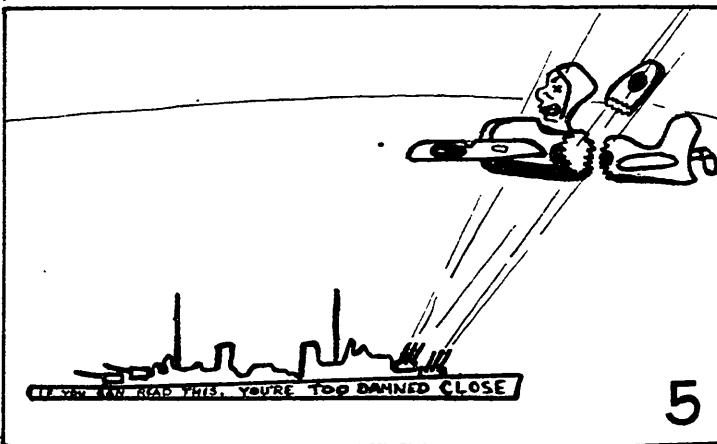
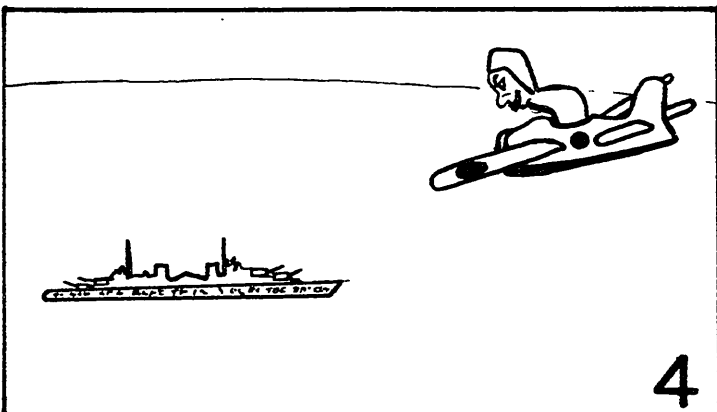
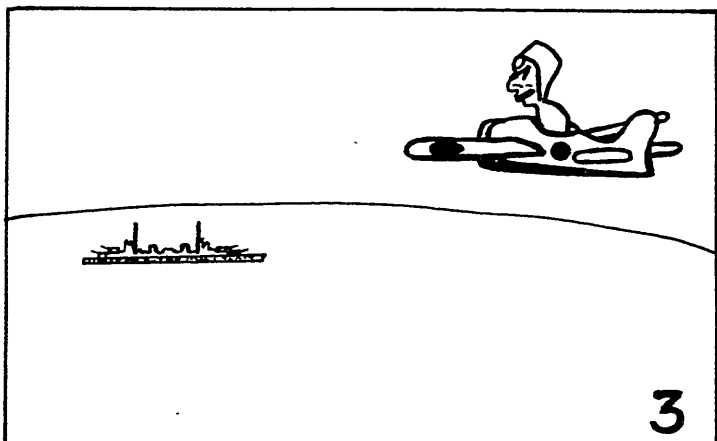
And this is the story of our Admiral - Richard Lansing Conolly, an able leader, a Navy man, through and through.

His able leadership, his resourcefulness, and his unfailing devotion to duty have proved his merit.

It is with justifiable pride that we of the Appalachian say "Well Done" to him for his accomplishments in the past and wish for him continued success in the future.

We are proud to have him aboard.

The first booby trap we've heard of on the ship was rigged last week by Ensign Bob Diener, and all inadvertently, too. He hitched up his sack—a middle one—to the top frame with a sort of makeshift wire hook, ignoring for some unknown reason the usual chain method of suspension. Along came his roomie, Lt. (j.g.) Art Pratt, and flopped into his lower sack in the manner of a man utterly exhausted. Clunk, down came Mr. Diener's sack, right on top of poor Mr. Pratt. Ensign George Ragon, an innocent bystander, was busting open a coconut while all this was going on, and passersby swear you couldn't tell which was the coconut and which was Mr. Pratt's skull when the booby trap went off.





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A \$27,000 Wine Pot



While inspecting the vaults of the Bank of Japan in Tokyo, Yanks discovered this \$27,000 solid gold pot which had been used for fermenting wine. Inspecting it are Maj. Gen. William Chase, commanding general of the 1st Cavalry Division, and the vice governor of the Bank of Japan.—(Acme Photo)

Plan for Training Million Annually

If the War Department's universal military training plan is adopted—and a very big "if" still clouds the picture—about a million youngsters will receive training each year.

Approximately 1,200,000 boys reach their eighteenth birthday each year, but the Surgeon General's office estimates that 17.3 percent—207,000—will be turned down for training because of physical or mental defects.

From the total qualified, the Army would get eight out of eleven men, around 720,000, and the remaining 273,000 would be handed over to the Navy and Marine Corps.

The Army would divide its trainees almost equally among the Ground Forces, Air Forces and Service Forces after the initial basic training period of nine weeks.

The program for Navy and Marine Corps trainees would be similar to regular peacetime training.

SERVICE COUNTS IN ROTC

Discharged veterans who return to college to complete interrupted education will receive credit in the Reserve Officers' Training Corps and Naval Reserve Officers' Training Corps on the basis of length of service in the Army, Navy, Marine Corps or Coast Guard under the terms of AR 145-10.

'Pentagon Prisoner' Sports 3 Ribbons

A "Pentagon Prisoner" sporting the newly awarded Victory Ribbon and American Theater Ribbon which flanked his lone American Defense Ribbon, recently explained them to an inquiring friend. Pointing to them sadly, in order of their appearance, he said:

"This one means 'low draft number.' This one means 'didn't go anywhere,' and this one means 'stayed in too long.'"

12 Reserves Made Rear Admirals

Six reserve commodores and six reserve captains were boosted to the temporary rank of rear admiral last Friday when the Senate confirmed their nominations.

Those elevated were: Andrew F. Carter and Ellery W. Stone, who already held the temporary rank of rear admiral because of their assignments; Commodores Lewis L. Strauss, Edmond J. Moran, Paul F. Foster and Giles C. Stedman; Captains Sidney W. Souers, Luis de Florez, Winchell M. Craig (MC), Gerald A. Eubank (SC), Wilfred J. McNeil (SC), and Kirby Smith (CEC).

Twenty-six reserve captains also got flag rank when they were confirmed as commodores.

Flag Ranks Won In Popularity Contest

Selection of officers of the Regular Navy for flag rank, a process conducted in pre-war days by close examination of the record of every candidate, today has taken on some of the aspects of a popularity contest where votes determine the winner, according to information obtained by the ARMY AND NAVY BULLETIN.

The popularity contest procedure, creation of Fleet Admiral Ernest J. King, CNO, has stimulated the well-known Navy art of "polishing the apple." It has put a premium, at least to some extent, on the social side of Navy life, on how many people you know—or don't know.

An illustration of the current selection procedure, in which no criticism of any individual selected is intended or implied, is the recent nomination of 18 regular Navy captains for rear admiral. Their names came from the votes of 50 flag officers in all the Navy's fleets, to whom 500 names of regular Navy captains were submitted.

Asked To Select 18

These 50 flag officers were asked to select 18 out of the 500, arrange them in priority according to their own judgment and transmit their choices to Washington where a selection board, with a minority of members present, went through the motions of the pre-war system.

The last selection resulted in the appointment as rear admiral of two members of the 1921 Annapolis class who were reached by "passing over" more than 100 of their classmates. Those "passed over" held higher precedence based on their standings at graduation or standings given them by previous boards.

Informants of the ARMY AND NAVY BULLETIN do NOT question in any way the quality of these appointees, both recognized as able naval officers and leaders. They DO question, however, the process by which they and others were picked, when those doing the choosing couldn't canvass all individual records in Washington and might be more inclined to take care of their

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Army Lowers Points

The discharge point score for all Army officers and nurses remained the same as the War Department reduced the critical score for enlisted men from 70 to 60 on Nov. 1. The cut made about 900,000 additional soldiers eligible for release. The discharge score for enlisted Wacs went down from 36 to 34 points.

Indications are that the Army will make further point reductions soon, or set up a new system for determining eligibility, because discharges have reached a point that insufficient men are available to provide a full load for release machinery. The latter part of last week the discharge rate dropped at many separation centers because there simply were not enough separatees on hand to keep the centers operating at capacity. In order to speed up discharges, the Army established special separation "points," but many of these have suspended operations because they are not needed. However, these points are being maintained in a stand-by-status, in order that they may resume work quickly if necessary.

75 Points For Officers

The general release score for all male officers, including flight and warrant officers, is still 75 points, except for medical, dental, veterinary, sanitary and medical administrative officers. Medical and Dental Corps officers are eligible for discharge: (a) if they have a point score of 80—members of this group will be discharged as soon as replacements arrive, but in no case later than Dec. 15, 1945; (b) if they are 48 years of age; (c) if they entered on active duty before Dec. 7, 1941. The same requirements are laid down for separation of Veterinary Corps officer, except that the age is set at 42 instead of 48. In the cases of officers in the Sanitary Corps or Medical Administrative Corps, the age also is 42, but they need only 70 points. In a few instances where members of any of these five groups have the necessary points for discharge, but are classified "specialist," they may be retained on active duty for not more than six months from the date on which they become eligible for discharge.

39 for WAC Officers

A WAC officer is eligible for discharge: (a) if she has a point score of 39; (b) if she is 40 years of age; (c) if she is married to a discharged member of the military service.

A nurse is eligible for discharge: (a) if she has a point score of 35; (b) if she is 35 years of age; (c) if she is married; (d) if she has a dependent less than 14 years old.

Dietitians and physical therapy aides are eligible: (a) if they have point score of 39; (b) if they are 40 years old; (c) if they are married to discharged members of the military service.

50 Points in AAF

The Army Air Forces is discharging enlisted men with 50 points or more, provided they have two years' service, are in the United States and are classed as surplus—and the AAF emphasized that they must be surplus. Surplus AAF enlisted Wacs also will be discharged if they have at least 29 points and a year of service. All AAF commands in the United States are authorized to declare such personnel surplus, if they are not actually needed and if their discharge would not interfere with the separation of eligibles with 60 or more points.

AAF separation centers released 250,574—59,846 officers and 190,728 enlisted personnel—during October. The 35 centers released separated 10,915 on Oct. 31 alone.

Wainwright Buys \$75 Cap New Creation Declared Best in Land



—Philadelphia Inquirer Photo

Skinny outshines his old boss.

Putting aside as a souvenir the battered steel helmet of World War I that he wore during his days and years of captivity with the Japanese, General Jonathan Wainwright of Philippine fame has emerged with a heavily gold-embroidered visor cap of extra dark olive drab that rivals or outdoes—you decide—the splendiferous military chapeau of his old CO, Douglas MacArthur.

The new Wainwright headgear is a



—Acme Photo

Mac's chapeau second best.

\$75 job designed by Morry Luxenberg, who caters to West Pointers and who says the creation is the best in the land.

MacArthur can ignore Army Regs and wear what he wants to, as a General of the Army and a former Chief of Staff. Four-star General Wainwright is neither, but it is generally assumed that no one, least of all an MP, would object in the least to the new cap that adorns his head.

Flag Rank Won By Popularity

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friends or officers on their own staffs first.

Over the course of the past 25 years, previous boards, it is contended, had "selected out the deadwood" in the class of 1921, in choosing officers for promotion successively to lieutenant commander, commander and captain. They had been arranged and rearranged three times, according to their abilities.

No Chance To Campaign

In the ranks of those passed over are captains, many at sea and in command of ships, who had no idea their names were being considered, who had no chance to line up support.

"If they want me to run for the job," one captain said, "I'll run. But I want to know my name is being considered. Give me a few months' notice, and I'll run a good race. Who is being considered is known only by those hanging around headquarters and the headquarters stenographers."

"It is obvious that all those on selection boards cannot get to Washington. Very few of them get here, in fact. As for the voting flag officers in the fleets, what does one in the Pacific know about what the boys are doing in the Atlantic, and vice versa? And how could they know what people sitting behind desks in Washington are doing?"

Social Duty Counts

The captains passed over feel that those better able to stay close to officers of flag rank, on duty, and socially when off duty, and those in staff positions had the inside track. They feel, too, that some of the admirals who had a chance to vote for new admirals not only voted for their own friends but traded votes with other admirals.

Whatever is said or done to justify this system, it is not contributing to the morale of senior captains of the Regular Navy. Before the war, they knew their fitness reports would be checked thoroughly by selection boards, that their performance of duty, military leadership,

professional and technical skills would be weighed carefully, that the reports of their immediate superiors in command would be considered.

Come the war, high-ranking flag officers were not available for duty of six to eight-week duration on selection boards in Washington. Then began the business of circularizing large numbers of them.

Encourages Apple Polishing

"Instead of encouraging a captain to do a fine job," said one commentator, "This encourages him to attend social functions and to keep before the people. It involves apple polishing to the nth degree. No human being on earth could have picked 18 out of 500 on a fair and equal basis without their records. It is inconceivable."

"The operating man, where he is loyal and devotes himself to his work and the group with which he is working, is almost sure to be eliminated."

One class of senior captain involved is that of the temporary commodores with permanent rank of captain. A standout in the Pacific war was a commodore of amphibious forces who commanded 40 or 50 ships at a time and participated in landings all over the world. He is not the type of officer who would promote his own prospects. He fought a great fight, did a great job, now has been "busted back" to four stripes because his commodore's command is gone.

In those skipped over in the last selection are scores of fighting captains. It is recognized, of course, that a number of fighting captains were among those selected.

"Their security is gone," said one observer of the passed-over captains. "There was a time when they could stand on their records. And remember, once you skip over an officer, he has two strikes against him."

The remedy is obvious. The war is over. The popularity system should now be abandoned and selection based on systematic analysis of the records of performance of each officer.

UNITED STATES PACIFIC FLEET
AND PACIFIC OCEAN AREAS
HEADQUARTERS OF THE COMMANDER IN CHIEF

28 November 1945

Dear Rafe,

With regard to your letter of 26 November which I have discussed with Lieutenant Godfrey I suggest that you originate a dispatch to Cincpac recommending that Squadrons 41 and 42 and their tenders, the CHIRON and the BRONTES, be retained in the U. S. rather than have them brought to the Philippines. I feel that Cincpac will concur in such a recommendation and I personally can see no point in transporting them to the Philippines since I am convinced that there will be a reduction rather than an augmentation of motor torpedo boat strength.

Regarding your movements in the ACONTIUS we have no objection to your conducting training exercises either on the tenders or with the motor torpedo boats within the Philippines area. It appears to me that your projected trip to Manus also has merit, but prior to your planning any trip outside of the Philippines we would like to have a dispatch giving your itinerary and requesting approval for your plan. Incidentally, the base at Manus is being rapidly reduced in personnel and, therefore, any assistance which you might expect to get from that base will be greatly reduced as time goes on.

The speedy program of decommissioning which you have been able to accomplish has been very gratifying to us and we are delighted at your estimate that it will be completed by such an early date.

I am sorry that I can give you nothing definite regarding the future plans for PT boats. We have no information other than the initial program of retaining two squadrons in active commission. The general tendency seems to be toward a further reduction of naval personnel throughout the organization. I therefore suspect that there might be a further retrenchment in the PT organization at any time.

I expect to be relieved on 2 December and have been told that I will have command of a cruiser. I will therefore be gone before you could make any reply to this letter. I will, of course,

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keep you posted as to my whereabouts when I know something definite. My relief is Captain J. M. Ocker who will be most happy to have the benefit of any suggestions you may wish to make to him.

Best regards,

Jimmie

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MOTOR TORPEDO BOAT SQUADRONS PACIFIC FLEET

ComMTBRonsPac/A7-3

22 December 1945

From: Lieut(jg) Fern R. HARRIS, S(C), USNR.
To: Commander Motor Torpedo Boat Squadrons PACIFIC Fleet.

Subject: Registered Publications Auditing Board, Report of.

Reference: (a) ComMTBRonsPac/A7-3, of 21 December 1945.

1. An audit has been completed this date, in accordance with reference (a), and all registered publications and devices of this command have been properly accounted for.

2. Lieut(jg) James E. George assisted in this audit as directed.

James E. George
James E. George

Fern R. Harris
Fern R. Harris

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